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Civil Service faces big shift from London

Low-cost attraction of regional offices

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

Up to 90 per cent of the 100,000 London-based Civil Servants will be dispersed to the regions if drastic relocation plans now circulating in the Treasury and Whitehall departments are enforced by the Government.

A blueprint for the future has been provided by the Department of Employment, which is to transfer the bulk of its London administrators to offices in the North of England.

It brings in prospect a new, slimmer Whitehall in which only a core of Civil Servants providing policy advice to ministers remain in central London. All executive and general administrative work would be relocated to lower-cost provincial cities, and to Scotland and Wales, where recruitment should be easier than in the capital.

The move, instigated by Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Employment, and announced to staff in the department yesterday by Mr Geoffrey Holland, the Permanent Secretary, jumps the gun on the Treasury, which has been reviewing relocation policy in the light of rising London costs.

The last big push to get Civil Servants out of London began in the early 1970s; during the 1980s only about 5,500 have moved out of London to offices in Scotland and the North-west.

Britain has just over 600,000 Civil Servants, of whom 580,000 are white-collar workers. *Dispersal schemes* were first drawn up in the early years of Second World War, the last began in 1973 after a report by Sir Henry Hardman. *In 1972, there were* 143,000 Civil Servants in London. There are now 116,000.

The pioneering move by the Department of Employment, which will leave only 10 per cent of its administrators at Caxton House in Westminster, increases pressure on other departments which are waiting to hear details of the Treasury's thinking. They are already under a general order to cut their running expenses and rental payments.

Mr Peter Brooke, the Paymaster General, announced earlier this year that the Treasury was preparing a new policy on dispersal based on "the potential benefits to the Civil Service and to the localities of siting work in areas where labour supply, conditions and costs were favourable".

If mammoth departments such as health and social security, and the Ministry of Defence, move out, then Whitehall could, within a few years, shrink to some 10,000 Civil Servants, with the rest scattered through the regions.

Concerted plans for dispersal were put into effect during the 1960s and 1970s but there are still around 116,000 non-industrial Civil Servants in the capital representing about a fifth of the total. In 1972 there were 143,000 Civil Servants in London, about one quarter.

Mrs Thatcher has so far resisted pressure from Mr Michael Heseltine and other backbench Conservative MPs to use dispersal of the Civil Service as a means of increasing employment in the North and regenerating inner city areas, but now Mr Fowler seems keen to realize some of the political benefits from bringing new jobs to such depressed areas as South Yorkshire.

The Government is likely to face heated opposition to the move from Civil Service unions. Officials will be closely monitoring the response to the Department of Employment's plan, which appeared on Civil Servants' desks in the department yesterday.

Most of the department's executive Civil Servants are already employed out of London in Jobcentres and benefit offices, but it still has some 2,000 administrative staff in offices in central London. It has now decided to relocate the majority of these.

A total of 1,300 posts are, within two years, to be resited in Sheffield, South Yorkshire, and Runcorn, Cheshire, and possibly one as yet unnamed inner-city location. A rump of around 500 posts, mostly at senior grades, will be left in London.

Office space in Runcorn fetches between £30 and £40 per square metre a year compared with costs of up to £190 per square metre in central London. The Department of Energy was recently criticized in sharp terms by a House of Commons committee for proceeding with the expensive reconstruction of an office block in Westminster instead of considering cheaper options.

Under the plan, all the executive staff of the department together with computer specialists, personnel officers and other divisions, will move out to cheaper sites. Many are likely to go to existing Department of Employment offices in Sheffield, where the Training Commission, formerly the Manpower Services Com-

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Lift-off from New Orleans as poll boosts Bush



Mr George Bush, the Republican presidential candidate, throwing his granddaughter Nancy in the air at the end of the party convention in New Orleans.

Republicans weather storm over Quayle

From Michael Binyon, New Orleans

Vice-President George Bush and Senator Dan Quayle yesterday flew to Huntington, Indiana, the vice-presidential candidate's home town, as the Bush campaign appeared to have weathered the crisis over Mr Quayle's entry into the National Guard instead of service in Vietnam.

A national poll published yesterday showed that the issue does not appear to have inflicted any lasting damage.

More than 70 per cent said Mr Quayle should not withdraw from the ticket if he served in the National Guard to avoid going to Vietnam. Some 34 per cent said Mr Bush should pick someone else if Mr Quayle used family influence to get into the Guard. But 72 per cent of the 842 people polled by the CNN network and *USA Today* said Mr Bush's selection of Mr Quayle had no bearing on how they would vote.

Republican campaign managers worked hard throughout Thursday and yesterday to clear up questions about Mr Quayle's military service and limit the damage from his admission that strings were pulled by an employee of the family firm to get him into the Indiana National Guard.

Mr Bush, heartened by a warm reception to his well-delivered acceptance speech at the Republican convention here, was also cheered by a poll that shows he has made all the distance he lagged behind Governor Michael Dukakis, and now leads the Democratic candidate by 45 to 44 points.

But Democrats were yesterday preparing to take full advantage of the Quayle controversy. Mr Dukakis said: "I can only speak for myself. I served my country. I did so proudly. It was an important issue in my life." Democratic officials said that Mr Quayle's "hypocrisy" of advocating a strong defence policy while avoiding combat duty himself would offend many working-class "Reagan Democrats" who had not been able to get out of going to Vietnam.

Mr Quayle attempted somewhat lamely yesterday to make light of the row by telling a Republican breakfast meeting that, in future, he would introduce himself by standing stiffly to attention, saluting, giving his rank and number, and saying he had served proudly for six years in the National Guard.

Mr Bush, still exuding the confidence and command that marked his delivery of his acceptance speech on Thursday, told top party officials that their task now was to "project the kind of future that we want, which is a strong America, and a world at peace, not being afraid to take action from time to time but having enough experience and knowledge to enhance the peace".

He said that foreign affairs would make up 50 per cent of the party's message, and the other half would be domestic prosperity.

He said that Mr Quayle would help in this with his experience in drafting a job training Act.

In his acceptance speech, Mr Bush gave a pledge to "keep America moving forward, always forward" and declared that "what it all comes down to, after all the shouting and the cheers, is the man at the desk. And who should sit at that desk? My friends, I am that man."

He gladly cloaked himself in the accomplishments of the Reagan Administration — reduced inflation and interest rates, less unemployment, and the creation of 17 million new jobs in five years.

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Lester Piggott's wife badly hurt after horse fall

By Andrew Moger

The wife of Lester Piggott, the former top jockey, was seriously ill last night after falling from a horse during an early morning exercise on Newmarket gallops.

Mrs Susan Piggott, aged 47, who took over the running of her husband's racehorse training business earlier this year after his imprisonment for tax fraud, was being treated by intensive care staff at nearby Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge.

She suffered ten broken ribs, a broken collar bone and concussion. Her condition later was said to have stabilized and she was not thought to be in any danger.

Her husband was told of the accident but last night there were no plans for him to travel to Addenbrooke's although he had applied to make a compassionate visit if her condition deteriorated.

Mr Jeremy Richardson, his solicitor, said Piggott was very distressed to hear of her fall which occurred on the Newmarket Heath gallops near their Eve Lodge stables, 12 miles away from his cell at Highpoint open jail at Stradishall, Suffolk.

Piggott, aged 52, eleven times champion jockey, has so far served 10 months of his three-year sentence.

Mrs Piggott, an accomplished horse woman and a well-respected figure in horse racing as a bloodstock agent, was granted a full training licence in January after the jailing of her husband three months earlier.

One of few women trainers in flat racing, she fell on her usual morning ride shortly after 9 am.

Although thousands of racehorses are exercised on the



Mrs Piggott: Seriously ill in Addenbrooke's Hospital.

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Pakistani Army plot theory grows

Security fears for funeral

From Nicholas Beeston in Islamabad and Zahid Hussain in Karachi

The growing belief that President Zia's death in a plane crash may have been part of a plot by disgruntled Pakistani military officers has increased concern for the security of foreign dignitaries, including the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, when they attend the Pakistani leader's funeral today in Islamabad.

While no concrete evidence has emerged to identify the suspected saboteurs of the aircraft, foreign and Pakistani sources are coming to the conclusion that the attack could not have been orchestrated without the consent or the support of elements in the armed forces.

Senior diplomats and Pakistani officials held talks in Islamabad yesterday over the security risk to the foreign leaders attending today's funeral, who also include Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and a number of world leaders and foreign ministers.

"The worry is that Zia's death was either a coup in itself or part of a coup which is not over yet," said one diplomat.

It is not clear what President Zia's assassins hoped to achieve by killing him. Elections which he promised would be held on November 16 are still going ahead and no figure has emerged from the military who could be identified as his successor.

The new army chief of staff, General Mirza Aslam Beg, who was flying in an accompanying aircraft at the time of the crash, is considered a career soldier with little political ambition.

However, observers of Pakistan's armed forces, the best organized and most powerful institution in the country, have noted growing dissatisfaction among junior and middle-ranking officers up to the rank of colonel over their treatment by General Zia in the past two years.

In particular they cited discontent among the soldiers for the preferential treatment given to senior officers, who are rarely punished for incompetence or corruption and who stifle chances for promotion.

Observers admit, however, that it is difficult to get an accurate picture of the highly secretive working of the Pakistani military hierarchy and the intelligence service to assess the extent of the disgruntlement.

But the speculation that some officers may have been behind the assassination was enough to prompt one diplomat to warn that "foreign dignitaries could get caught in

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Fowler plea on pay as inflation rises

By Richard Thomson and Richard Ford

The Government's economic problems will multiply this month as Britain's inflation rate shoots above 5 per cent for the first time in more than two-and-a-half years.

Inflation figures released yesterday showed that prices in July rose by 0.1 per cent, giving an annual rate of 4.8 per cent.

But financial markets are bracing themselves for a sharp rise in August to about 5.5 per cent because of this month's mortgage rate increases. Inflation has not been that high since November 1985.

The Government is now worried that accelerating price rises will push up wage demands, which will in turn fuel further price rises.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Employment, urged restraint in pay settlements. He said pay bargainers should consider factors other than the position of prices when drawing up and negotiating wage settlements.

"When taxes are taken into account as well, then today's figures show that gross earnings need only to have risen by 3.7 per cent over the last year to maintain purchasing power." Mr Fowler said.

He blamed the rise in the annual rate of inflation on higher prices for cars and motor insurance, increases in food costs and rises in electricity and gas charges.

City economists are predicting that the combination of rising inflation and high demand will lead to a further increase in bank base rates next month to 11.5 per cent, reaching 12 per cent by the end of the year.

The building societies lent a record £5.4 billion in July, compared with the previous month's record of £4.9 billion.

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Midsummer warning of antifreeze rationing

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

As Britain's drivers wait for summer to start they are likely to be chilled further by a warning that a world shortage of antifreeze is likely to affect Britain this winter and a cold snap may force shops to bring in rationing to protect depleted stocks.

Experts are talking of a 25 per cent shortfall in antifreeze supplies. Prices may be double those of last year's mild winter.

The crisis has been caused by a worldwide shortage of top quality ethylene glycol. Mr Philip O'Dwyer, marketing manager for Lucas Bluecol the leading British antifreeze brand, yesterday forecast a 40 per cent shortfall in Europe. In Britain "there will be a shortage of 10 million litres." British motorists normally use 40 million litres of antifreeze a year.

Mr O'Dwyer said: "If we have a severe winter lots of motorists will be stranded so our recommendation is for motorists to buy their antifreeze early." Last year's mild winter — when sales were halved — has made motorists slow to top up or change antifreeze. Most wait for the cold snap.

Only three plants in the world produce ethylene glycol. One in Louisiana blew up and the other two in Belgium and Germany were closed because they were too dangerous. One expert said: "The US used to be the main exporter — now it is buying it all up.

"The only alternative is methanol antifreeze, but it wrecks engines."

According to Lucas the raw material cost of antifreeze has trebled this year and prices will be up to 35 per cent higher. However Spice Group, a leading wholesale distributor to 6,000 motor accessory shops, said yesterday prices could double to about £3 for a one-litre can.

A Buckinghamshire garage proprietor, Mr Ian Bridges, said: "Already The price for a barrel was £130, then in April it rocketed to £205, now you can't get any at all. Already Lucas is refusing to sell antifreeze to new customers and limiting existing clients to the same volume purchased in the winter of 1987."

Industry experts believe the severe supply problems could ease at the end of the year if damaged ethylene glycol plants start working again on time.

However, the shortage of such a crucial material creates serious problems. As transport companies and bus operators prepare their vehicles for the winter and change antifreeze, they have found it difficult to buy enough supplies.

The problem could become acute for garages, particularly when antifreeze has to be added to an engine to keep it to the level recommended by the manufacturer.

Although shops have some stocks unsold from last winter they are only expected to last a few days in a a sudden cold snap brings a rush of buyers.

NEWS ROUNDUP

20 pupils hurt in coach accident

Twenty children were taken to hospital yesterday after their coach was involved in a crash with a lorry during a school outing. A girl and a relative of another child were detained in hospital with serious injuries after firemen cut them free from the wreckage.

The crash happened in Runcorn, Cheshire, at a roundabout on the A533 Runcorn Expressway, shortly after the 53-seat coach had set off from Liverpool with children from Millwood Primary School in the city's Speke area. Most of the pupils, aged eight to 10, were treated for minor injuries and shock. The two seriously injured were described as comfortable at Warrington General Hospital.

● Traffic on the M4 in Berkshire was brought to a standstill yesterday after a five-vehicle accident blocked one of the carriageways. The crash, between junctions 6 and 7 near Slough, happened after a lorry jacknifed across the road.

Brent cuts warning

The social services cuts proposed by Brent council will lead to unused hospital beds, longer waiting lists and a complete breakdown of community care, the local health authority said yesterday. Dr Martin McNicol, vice-chairman of Parkside health authority, has written to Mr Dorman Long, the leader of Brent council, urging the council to reconsider the planned £3 million cut to the social services budget. "The health authority is in no position to take on additional responsibilities or costs and we will simply not be able to plug gaps adequately" Dr McNicol said.

Postal talks to go on

Leaders of the postal workers union and senior Post Office negotiators had two separate meetings yesterday in an attempt to avert industrial action which would seriously disrupt mail services. The dispute is over the payment of bonuses to new workers at fifty offices in London and the South-east to assist recruitment. The Union of Communication Workers wants the bonuses to be paid to all new recruits, which would cost some £3 million a year. More talks were expected over the weekend.

P&O resumes service

P&O has reopened its ferry service between Dover and Boulogne for the first time since January, in the wake of the strike by the National Union of Seamen. The Pride of Canterbury sailed on the first of three daily crossings to the French resort yesterday morning. The company said yesterday that the decision to re-start the Boulogne service was due to "market forces".

Killer 'may be child'

The person who raped and stabbed to death a deaf woman may have been a schoolboy, police said yesterday. Bloody footmarks found in the flat of Suzanne Greenhill, aged 20, were so small that police believe the murderer may have been as young as 14. The information came to light after detectives called in Professor Mike Day, a forensic scientist of St Thomas's Hospital, London, to study them. Miss Greenhill was murdered seven weeks ago in her flat in Newport, Gwent, where she lived alone. Detectives have interviewed more than 2,000 people in their hunt.

Visionary advice

Visions and revelations are experiences that people might best be advised to keep to themselves, a Roman Catholic bishop declared yesterday. The Bishop of Ferns, the Most Rev Brendan Comiskey, gave his advice after two sisters from Cork claimed they had seen an apparition of the Virgin Mary at a grotto in Co Wexford. They said the Virgin Mary had promised to reappear next Sunday at Grantstown. Bishop Comiskey said there was a place in church for pilgrimages but people should not flock to every vision.

Cook doubts Labour's election chances

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

A senior member of the Shadow Cabinet yesterday cast doubt on the Labour Party's ability to win an overall majority at the next general election.

Mr Robin Cook, MP for Livingston and campaign manager for Mr Neil Kinnock in the leadership contest, said it would be a bold claim to say that Labour could leap in one bound from its present position to a clear majority in the Commons. "But we could achieve a hung parliament. All the opinion polls are consistent with that", he added.

Throughout the day, Labour Party officials sought to limit the damage caused by his comments only three days after the publication of an opinion poll showed that Mr Kinnock's personal standing was at its lowest level since the general election.

The embarrassment caused by Mr Cook's gloomy comments on Labour's prospects was heightened by his position as campaign manager to Mr Kinnock and Mr Roy Hattersley in the current leadership stuggle.

It was also suspected that he was reflecting in public a private view shared by many of his colleagues in the Shadow Cabinet.

His remarks were given added weight because he is recognized on both sides of the House as a formidable parliamentary operator whose performance in the nurses' pay dispute made him one of Labour's stars in the last session.

Last night Mr Cook elaborated on his views. Mrs Thatcher could and would be beaten and a majority Government was possible. But he added: "It is a very difficult task, a big task. "The message I intended to get across was that all the recent opinion polls, far from showing Mrs Thatcher would win, in fact show she would be beaten and replaced by a hung parliament in which Labour would form the Government."

Mr Cook said there was nothing politically novel if the Labour Party had to settle for a partial victory and then go for an outright win.

"It happened in 1974. I am not saying that that is the strategy or what I want.

"What I am saying is that we should not get too depressed about the scale of the task."

The shadow spokesman on health and social security predicted that any minority Labour administration would have little difficulty in drafting a programme of legislation to keep Parliament busy all day and all night for two years before it would seek an overall majority.

"Plainly any future minority government has to have regard to what programme it could get through Parliament. That is not so difficult.

"It is Mrs Thatcher who is out of step on a whole range of issues, not the rest of the world. You could quite happily put together a two-year programme on issues like the poll tax, Scottish devolution and reform of the social security system. It is not what I aspire to but it could be done", Mr Cook said.

Labour Party officials said Mr Cook's comments were his personal opinions and were not shared by the vast majority of the party. A party spokesman added: "Robin, like everyone else in the Labour Party, will be fighting all out to win an outright majority."

But Mr Cook's gloomy prognosis will be seized on by the Government which will highlight the uncertainty of minority administrations dependent on support from parties as diverse as Plaid Cymru and the Rev Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionists.

At the same time as Mr Cook made his predictions, a squabble developed over the party's attitude towards payment of the poll tax in Scotland with allegations that the Shadow Cabinet had gagged him over his advocacy of non-payment of the community charge.

Mr Cook refused to confirm or deny that the Shadow Cabinet had forbidden him to further comment on supporting non-payment.

Soldiers pay tribute to victim of IRA

Scores of ex-servicemen and serving soldiers attended the funeral yesterday of Regimental Sergeant Major Michael Heakin, who was shot by IRA men in Belgium a week ago.

About 1,000 mourners gathered at the graveside as RSM Heakin, a soldier for 23 years, was buried, with full military honours, in a hillside cemetery at Ebbw Vale, Gwent, in South Wales. A dozen riflemen from the Royal Regiment of Wales fired vollies of shots in tribute to their comrade.

Earlier, the funeral service was held at the parish church of St Edward, in the dead soldier's home town of Knighton, Powys.

The Rev Leo Heakin, a cousin of RSM Heakin, said in his prayers "that the forces of evil and terrorism will never, ever, have the last word in our world and that peace and justice will prevail".

RSM Heakin, of 1st Battalion, the Royal Regiment of Wales, a keen athlete and rugby player, was shot dead in Ostend at the wheel of his car, as he waited at traffic lights on his way to catch a ferry home.

His coffin was escorted from Knighton by road to Ebbw Vale, where he was buried, in accordance with the wishes of his widow, Irene, in the same cemetery as her parents.

The Rev Anthony Jefferies, who married the couple 13 years ago, led prayers before a bugler sounded the Last Post.

His coffin was borne into the church on the shoulders of six regimental friends, a single red rose from his widow placed alongside his uniform, cap and ceremonial sword.

In an address, his commanding officer Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Elliott, who had known RSM Heakin for 20 years, said he was "a very kind and dear friend, who had a bright future in the Army". "We will all miss him very greatly indeed", he added.

Mourners included another of the regiment's IRA victims, ex-private Andrew Bull, aged 25, blinded by a bomb five years ago, while on patrol in West Belfast.

Outside the church, Mr Bull, now a council telephonist, described the IRA as "the lowest form of life going".

"To take life as they have is unforgivable", he said.

In the wake of RSM Heakin's murder, Mr Archie Hamilton, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, is reviewing urgently the use of distinctive number plates for British servicemen travelling in private cars in West Germany.

RSM Heakin's family and colleagues said they thought the soldier, who was in civilian clothes and unarmed, was an easy target because of his number plates.

● Thousands of mourners lined the streets of Belfast yesterday to pay tribute to Mr Fred Otley, a greengrocer who was killed by two gunmen in his shop last week.

Mr Otley, aged 44, was shot in the head at point-blank range on Wednesday by member of Inla, which claimed he was an Ulster Volunteer Force member and responsible for killing nationalists.

The funeral procession paused briefly outside his shop in the Shankill Road.



Servicemen bearing RSM Michael Heakin's coffin into St Edward's Church, Knighton, Powys, yesterday.

Nursing dispute may widen

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

The dispute over the grading of ward sisters under the nurses' new pay deal seems certain to extend to auxiliaries and enrolled nurses.

Union leaders want the Government to clarify its definition of "supervision", which they claim is resulting in many nursing auxiliaries being downgraded.

Health authorities were told in May to grade all unqualified nursing staff on the bottom Scale A, starting at £4,375, unless they regularly work without supervision, or head a team of staff on Scale A.

If the auxiliary works without being supervised for all or most of a shift he or she will get the higher scale B, starting at £5,850.

"We want to know whether supervision means being at the end of a telephone or whether someone has to be on the ward", the National Union of Public Employees said yesterday.

Mr Trevor Clay, general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing said many managers were putting less qualified staff on the lowest grades, even where they had extra skills.

Meanwhile, the Confederation of Health Service Employees at Friern Hospital, north London, voted to ballot their members on a 24-hour strike for next Thursday.

Joint win for chess champions

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

World chess champion Gary Kasparov and former champion, Anatoly Karpov, have tied for first prize in the strongest ever Soviet Chess Championship. The championship finished yesterday in the International Hotel, Moscow.

Leading scores were: Kasparov and Karpov 11 and a half points out of 17; Salov and Yusopov 10 points. Both Kasparov and Karpov were unbeaten and their sharing of the championship title so far ahead of the rest of the field confirms that these two are in a class of their own.

There was no play yesterday in the Pilkington Glass World Chess Quarter-Final at London's Barbican Centre. The third game will be played today. Here are the moves of Game 2 with Nigel Short playing White:

1	e4	e6	18	c4	Rad8
2	d4	d5	19	Ne5	Qb7
3	Nc3	Nf6	20	Ba4	c5
4	Bg5	dxe4	21	dxc5	bxc5
5	Nxe4	N8d7	22	Qe2	Rxd1
6	Nxf6+	Nxf6	23	Rxd1	Nh5
7	Nf3	h6	24	b3	Nxg3
8	Bh4	g6	25	hxg3	Qc7
9	Bc4	Bg7	26	f4	Rd8
10	0-0	0-0	27	Rxd8	Qxd8
11	c3	b6	28	Bc6	Bc8
12	Qe2	Bby	29	Kh2	h5
13	Rad1	a6	30	Bf3	h4
14	Rfe1	Qd6	31	Qe3	hxg3+
15	Bb3	a5	32	Kxg3	Qd6
16	Bg3	Qc6	33	Kf2	Bd7

Jon Speelman offered a draw and Nigel Short accepted.

Overtime ban will affect Broadmoor

By Andrew Morgan

The Prison Officers' Association last night predicted that there would be widespread problems at Broadmoor top security hospital in Berkshire this weekend as their total ban on overtime begins to bite.

About seventy nursing staff will not be available as a result of the ban, which has been in force since last Wednesday. Visits and social functions for most of the 475 patients are likely to be stopped and patients, many with psychotic conditions, could be locked in their rooms for 23 hours a day.

The association and the Prison Department were still holding talks last night on the dispute over manning levels at Holloway women's prison, north London, where officers have been on strike for three weeks. Prison officers have threatened to widen their action from next week if there is no settlement.

The association branch at Broadmoor also issued an ultimatum to management, saying they would take legal action if staff were injured over the weekend as a result of being told to handle patients while there was not a full personnel complement.

Miss Bridget Sampson, a member of the branch committee, said she worked 78 hours overtime last week.

She insisted that no hospital could be expected to operate properly with overtime requirements of such a magnitude. She said that dances and visits this morning and afternoon would be cancelled and church and other visits tomorrow would have to be stopped.

"Many of the patients here are in a disturbed state and being locked up for so long will make make them more irritable and potentially dangerous. We feel sorry for them, but the department has forced our hand."

The department of health said the hospital management intended redeploying non-nursing staff but it conceded that social activities would be reduced. Management will decide this morning on which non-association staff should assist patients.

Officers at 18 prisons, including other women's establishments, are currently taking industrial action, mostly in support of their colleagues at Holloway.

They are refusing to handle new admissions and this has forced hundreds of prisoners into police cells, which are designed only for short-term accommodation.

Two army camps are currently being used to handle prisoners and the Home Office admits that it has detailed contingency plans if the prisons dispute deepens.

However, it insists that no details will be revealed until they are obliged to put the plans into operation.

Keeping control of the long-distance prisoners

Prisoners who are suicidal, violent and mentally defective are among hundreds of Metropolitan Police prisoners being moved to police cells around the country from the nerve-centre at the Lambeth holding base, south London.

The daily operation has more than doubled since July when prison officers at London jails, in support of striking officers at Holloway, refused to handle new admissions. About 100 prisoners a day are now transported to police cells from Lambeth.

London prisoners were last night housed in police cells as far away as Richmond, in North Yorkshire, Launceston, in Cornwall and Caerphilly, in south Wales. One sergeant and 10 officers handle the coach movements, which usually take out 15 prisoners and bring back 12. Those in police vans with 14 cells are watched by a single officer.

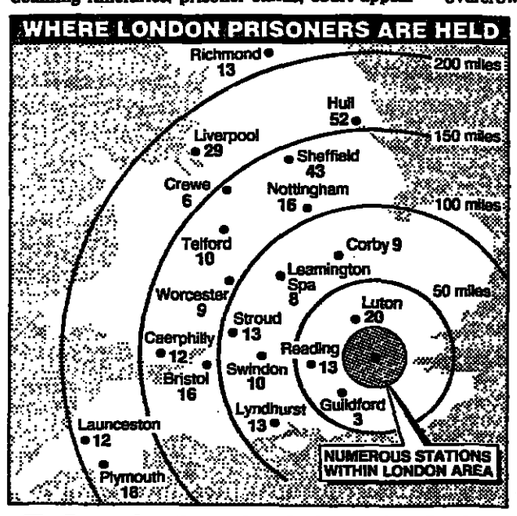
Others have been sent to Greater Manchester and East Anglia, but police forces there are now accepting only local prisoners as a result of action at Norwich and Strangeways jails.

The Lambeth operations room has wall charts detailing itineraries, prisoner status, court appearances and the names of problematic prisoners, cryptically put as: "Dagenham suicidal; Grimsby, heart condition, not eating; Dymchurch, alcoholic and disruptive".

About 76 prisoners are classified as dangerous, and there are attempts to get them into local prisons but the present industrial action is forcing them further afield. Chief Inspector Anthony MacDermott, in charge of the Lambeth operation, said: "Some have definite medical and psychological problems and should be in a prison hospital rather than police cells. They are not designed for short-term accommodation and don't have the security factors built in.

"Officers loking after prisoners in insecure conditions are under great stress and have to be constantly aware of the problems of attack and escape, but they have no real sanction."

Action is co-ordinated by the Mutual Aid Co-operation unit, at Scotland Yard, which the Association of Chief Police Officers set up last October to cope with the growing problem of prison overcrowding.



The figures show the number of prisoners from London.

Police cells would rapidly reach bursting point if the prison officers stepped up their action, but Mr Roger Birch, chief constable of Sussex and president of ACPO, declined to specify the breaking point.

Yesterday the Metropolitan Force had 864 prisoners, with 269 in the London area and 595 held by provincial forces. In addition, there are 405 provincial prisoners locked out. They are held at 53 London police stations and by 23 provincial forces.

Officers from London divisions are "loaned" to the distribution centre to escort prisoners in up to six public coaches and five police transit vans along circuitous routes to several forces.

In a system called "hot-bunking", the arriving prisoners take the place of those due back in London for remand. The round trips, often lasting up to 15 hours, usually take place at night.

Lambeth's 80 officers and 20 drivers are used mainly, with a further 80 officers on loan who spend a week on escort duty before being replaced.

LOCATION/NUMBERS OF LONDON PRISONERS IN POLICE CELLS

Force	Police station	Prisoners
Avon/Somerset	Bristol	16
Bedfordshire	Luton	20
Cheshire	Congleton	4
	Crewe	6
	Northwich	1
	Runcorn	2
Derbyshire	Chesterfield	14
Devon/Cornwall	Launceston	12
	Plymouth	18
Gloucestershire	Stroud	13
Gwent	Newport	7
	Ebbw Vale	7
Hampshire	Farnborough	6
	Fratton	5
	Lyndhurst	13
Humberside	Hull	52
	Grimsby	37
Leicestershire	Melton Mowbray	12
Merseyside	Liverpool (Bridewell)	29
	Walsey	4
	St Helens	10
North Yorkshire	Richmond	13
Northants	Corby	9
Nottinghamshire	Nottingham	16
Surrey	Addlestone	4
	Guildford	3
	Reigate	2
Sussex	Hailsham	1
	Eastbourne	2
South Wales	Swansea	6
	Caerphilly	12
South Yorkshire	Doncaster	27
	Rotherham	26
	Sheffield	43
Staffordshire	Stoke-on-Trent	16
Thames Valley	Amersham	14
	Newbury	9
	Reading	18
	Wantage	11
	Windsor	8
	Milton Keynes	5
Warwickshire	Leamington Spa	8
	Nuneaton	6
West Mercia	Worcester	9
	Telford	10
West Midlands	Birmingham	16
	Coventry	27
	Stourbridge	13
	West Bromwich	12
	Walsall	18
Wiltshire	Swindon	16

Air taskforce demands action across Europe

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

An international tasicforce drawn from airlines, airports and regulatory organizations has prepared a seven-point manifesto for dealing with air traffic congestion.

The plan, to be unveiled in detail next week, will be put to governments throughout Europe. The taskforce is calling for urgent action to cope with the rapid growth in air travel which has led to misery for thousands of scheduled and charter air passengers.

Among the recommendations from the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the Airport Association's Co-ordinating Council (AACC) is immediate action to build more runways at many of the most congested airports throughout the Continent, including Gatwick.

They also want a lifting of night curfew noise restrictions; the removal of private recreational aircraft from busy international airports; greater use of military airspace; a single European air traffic control system, a unified flow management system and more air traffic controllers.

Many of the proposals are bound to run into fierce opposition from politicians and environmental groups.

Airlines are becoming increasingly concerned about congestion, which is causing more than three times as many delays to scheduled flights as it did last year.

Herr Karl-Heinz Neumeister, secretary general of the Association of European Airlines, said: "The average passenger on scheduled flights is not being delayed to the extent that charter passengers have been. However the situation is definitely getting worse.

"The way scheduled airlines operate has not changed but what has changed is the shortfall between the demand for air transport and the capacity of the existing infrastructure.

"What is needed urgently is increased investment in airport and air traffic control facilities, but even this will not be enough without a co-ordinated European approach."

FLIGHTCHECK



Meanwhile the threat of a nationwide air controllers' strike still hangs over Spain as administration officials and controllers talked for hours here in what is expected to be merely the first session of a new round of talks (Harry Debelius, in Madrid, writes)

"The strike is still on, beginning August 27", Señor Juan Garcia Gil, president of the Catalan Air Controllers' Union, said as he arrived for the meeting at the Ministry of Transport, Tourism and Communications.

The industrial action, which is expected to invoive controllers at most of Spain's major airports, could greatly delay the departure or arrival of hundreds of thousands of holidaymakers.

The two weekends at the end of August and the beginning of September are among the busiest in the year in terms of air traffic over Spain.

However, Mr Alan Flook, secretary of the International Federation of Tour Operators, said he was now "very optimistic" action would not go ahead.

British airports were expecting to be able to offer holiday-makers a relatively delay-free weekend tomorrow and Sunday with no air traffic control problems expected.

Cardiff: An Inter European Airways flight from Zakynthos, due at 4.30pm, but did not land until 5.30pm.

Manchester: A British Airways flight from Geneva was three hours late at 6.14pm.

Luton: A Britannia Airways flight to Catania left nearly two hours late at 5.55pm.

No delays at Gatwick, Heathrow, Leeds/Bradford or Newcastle.

Housekeeper's £1.5m secret

By Ian Smith

Mrs Jennie Bunting, housekeeper to the rich and famous, feared that she would be left penniless upon retirement. Modesty in expenditure, she decided, was the only way of avoiding penury.

Now she has confounded friends and neighbours by leaving £1.5 million in her will, all but a modest amount bequeathed to her favourite charities.

The unassuming housekeeper, who died aged 89 on May 30, never gave reason to suspect her wealth.

After the death during the Second World War of her husband, a studio photographer in Middlesbrough, Cleveland, she became housekeeper to Mrs Agnes Spencer, widow of a joint-founder of Marks & Spencer.

When Mrs Spencer died, Mrs Bunting received cash and shares in the will.

She then became housekeeper to Mr Harry Whitfield, a bachelor farmer and race-horse trainer. She was left both money and his home in Stokesley, North Yorkshire, on his death.

Mrs Bunting lived at her inherited house, seeing only the occasional friend and rarely venturing out, until last year, when she moved to a nursing home after a fall.

Mr Douglas Harris, a solicitor and friend who was executor of her will, said yesterday that he was not surprised that no one ever suspected that Mrs Bunting had a fortune: "She had no airs and graces and the most she would ever treat herself to was an occasional lunch with friends. She was determined not to part with a penny while she was alive because she was worried about falling on hard times."

Mrs Bunting has left all but £120,000 of her £1,567,538 estate to the Salvation Army, the British Heart Foundation and Age Concern. The rest is set aside for personal legacy.

"She was kind hearted and always planned to give everything away, but like many old people she hated the thought of being left without the means to support herself while she was alive", Mr Harris added.

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Naked millionaire escapes after stabbing burglar

By Edward Gorman

A millionaire escaped naked from his mansion in Kent early yesterday after stabbing a burglar three times with a ceremonial dagger.

Mr Michael Millward, aged 53, was so desperate to get out of the house after launching himself at the gang of three, who were armed with hammers and a revolver, that he jumped out of his first-floor bathroom window and crashed to the ground under a pile of guttering.

Ignoring his parked Rolls-Royce, he opted instead for his battered old Datsun to make his escape.

"I was still naked at this stage", he said, "but luckily there was an old tracksuit in the back seat and I put that on to avoid giving anyone a shock."

Mr Millward, of Westerham Hill, who has been robbed twice before, had been woken by creaking floorboards after the burglers entered the house through an open ground-floor window.

He grabbed a ceremonial dirk – one of four he had in a private collection which he kept in his bedroom – and opened his bedroom door, to be confronted by a figure dressed in black.

"Only his eyes were showing through slits in his mask", Mr Millward said.

"He took three steps towards me as I backed into the room and I realized I would have to attack him before he attacked me – there was no other way out."

Mr Millward said he stuck the dirk into the man's chest and shoulder. "I don't remember the knife going in, but within seconds there was blood everywhere. It was on everything he touched as he staggered back."

Seizing his chance, Mr Millward then slammed the bathroom door and jumped screaming to the ground.

"I just opened the window and started yelling. They stopped battering on the door and I opened the window to jump out.

"I grabbed the guttering, but the pipes gave way and I crashed to the ground, hurting myself badly on one side."

Mr Millward ran naked in front of his house, passed the Rolls-Royce and roared off in the Datsun.

"Someone was working hard at the garage near by and called the police for me", he said. "But by the time the police arrived the gang had long gone and there was blood everywhere."

Police say the raiders took only Mr Millward's Remington repeater shotgun as they escaped.

Doctors and hospitals in the area have been placed on alert in case the robber asks for emergency treatment.

Kent police said: "The chances are the injured man is going to need stitches at the very least". He added that the police accept that Mr Millward was acting in self-defence.

The police said Mr Millwards's bravery unnerved the raiders and stopped them escaping with anything other than Mr Millward's shotgun.

"I think the shock of being attacked was enough to frighten them and once they realized Mr Millward had got away, they knew it would not be long before the alarm was raised. They certainly didn't hang around", police said.

Last night Mr Millward, who lives alone and describes himself as a "modest property owner", said: "I wouldn't say I would recommend people to have a go at burglars, but in this case it was them or me.

"This is my home, and no one is going to drive me from it."

The robbers were not the only ones to gain. Mr Millward said. "I made a profit as well.

"They left a ladder, a cap, a service revolver with its barrel blocked and a hammer. My gun was worth more than all of that, but at least I got something out it."

Security at Mr Millward's mansion is being tightened.

Ned Sherrin, the broadcaster, refused to obey armed bank raiders as they ordered him to lie down during a robbery this week.

A stickler for style, he felt that lying on the floor of his local Barclays Bank in the King's Road, Chelsea, south-west London, was "undignified".

The host of Radio 4's *Loose Ends* thought it was a practical joke, until the raiders started smashing security screens with sawn-off shotguns.

Mr Sherrin, aged 57, said yesterday:

"They kept yelling get down, get down, but it seemed so undignified – one didn't."

Police said three men escaped with £3,081 after the robbery on Thursday.

Army women in the front line



Lieutenant Julie Owen, left, and Lieutenant Kate Boxell practise their skills yesterday with a defused bomb at Chattenden.

Lieutenant Kate Boxell, admitted to being "petrified" when selected for training as the Army's first woman bomb disposal expert.

"I was in a right panic and I didn't tell *my mum that I was doing the training* course", she said.

Lieutenant Julie Owen, was "delighted" when she successfully became the first woman UXB expert in the Territorial Army with a Brighton-based squadron of the 101 (London) Engineer Regiment. "At least it's the sort of thing that if it goes wrong, you really don't know anything about it", she said.

"It is exciting work and not the sort of thing you can do in civilian life." Lieutenant Owen, aged 22, from Poole, Dorset, who *intends to train as a* solicitor, added: "I did a seven-week Regular Army course on bomb disposal".

Although the two pioneers do not work on "live" bombs during peacetime, it is almost certain they would be used in wars *to defuse enemy weapons in Britain.*

As more women train as bomb disposal experts, it is widely expected they will help to clear the 45-year backlog of explosive ordnance work, such as bombs from the Second World War – but they will not face terrorist bombs.

***Lieutenant Boxell, aged 23, from* Sheffield, South Yorkshire, who is Assistant Adjutant with 33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) at Chattenden, Kent, said she suffers pangs of envy when she sees male *colleagues going off to start work on live* bombs.**

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Weekend surprise

A surprise long weekend away for two is in store for Mrs Hugh MacKay, who does not yet know that her husband was yesterday's sole winner of the daily Portfolio prize of £4,000.

Mr MacKay, a chartered accountant from Wandsworth, south-west London, plans to whisk his wife away for a short holiday abroad. "We will probably spend the rest on redecorating the flat", he said. Mr MacKay has been a *Times* reader for 15 years.

Two firemen questioned

Two part-time firemen were being questioned by police in north Devon yesterday after a spate of small grass and barn fires and bogus emergency calls in the past two months. *Detectives listened to tape-*recordings of 999 calls.

The men, who have not been named, are said to belong to the retained brigade at Combe Martin. Members of the brigade of 14, who *have other* jobs and are on call 24 hours a day, receive £7.20 a call-out and £3.21 for every hour on duty as well as a retainer of £975 a year.

Failed escape

Jennifer Nicol, aged 20, of Walworth, south-west London, was sentenced in the Central Criminal Court yesterday to three years *in youth* custody for conspiring to rob a Hertfordshire supermarket. Her bad driving in a getaway car led to it being traced.

Swan jam

Traffic jams built up when motorway police closed a section of the nearside lane on the M2 in Kent yesterday so it could become a runway for a swan. The frightened bird had been seen struggling by the roadside near junction 2.

Kidnap charge

Ahmed Patel, aged 42, of Blackburn, Lancashire, and Badruddin Bhutawale, aged 31, of Manor Park, east London, accused of kidnapping a girl aged 17, were *remanded on bail yesterday at* Old Street Magistrates' Court, central London.

Bomb alarm

Mr Roy Hughes, Labour MP for Newport East, yesterday called for an inquiry after a crate of bombs designed for air-to-ground combat was dropped at docks in Newport, Gwent, last week. The Ministry of Defence said there was no public danger.

Balcony death

An inquest on Hannah Bartz, aged 12, one of five girls who fell when a third-floor balcony rail gave way at the Hotel Esentepe, Bodrum, Turkey, was opened in Cardiff yesterday when the coroner appealed for *an eye-witness to come for*ward. The other four survived.

Athlete in rumpus over debt

The Midland Bank wrote a letter of apology yesterday to one of Britain's top Olympic athletes after a branch had threatened to stop him going to the Seoul Olympics because of his £4.000 overdraft.

The branch in Queens Square, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, warned Paul Edwards, aged 29, Britain's top shot putter, that his passport could be confiscated and threatened legal action against him. The letter from Mr Jerry Green, operations officer, referred specifically to the Seoul Olympics next month.

Mr Green claimed that the way Mr Edwards had handled his account in previous weeks was "little short of theft". Mr Edwards said yesterday: "I won't let the bank destroy my dream of competing in the Olympics. They are trying to blackmail me. It's cheap and nasty." He said he ran up the debt through £90 a week food bills and travelling expenses. He said the letter was the first concerning the debt.

In London, a Midland Bank spokesman said: "We have written tonight apologizing to Mr Edwards. This was over the top. The letter should never have been sent. The language used I have never seen in a letter from a bank before. We have no excuse."

Criticism of Law Society

Jailed victim 'must be paid'

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Law Society's refusal to pay compensation to a woman who was wrongly committed to prison and lost her flat because of a solicitor's actions has been condemned by the Lay Observer.

Mr Lionel Lightman, who studies the society's response to complaints against solicitors, is again calling on the society to pay compensation to the woman who was not granted legal aid to pursue her case in the courts.

He is taking up the matter because the society has rejected the recommendation in his annual report that it *should pay compensation.*

In that report, Mr Lightman recommended a "substantial *payment" to the woman,* whose valuable flat in the West End of London was her sole asset.

She did not obtain legal aid to bring proceedings against *the errant solicitor in spite of a* strong recommendation by Lord Denning, then Master of the Rolls, who said: "If anything has gone wrong, the law should do all it can to see that *it is put right".*

Mr Lightman concludes the lack of legal aid was the main reason the woman received no compensation.

The Law Society has rejected the Lay Observer's criticisms and points out that the "complainant never submitted any legal aid application".

It said that its legal aid committee, responsible for the administration of public legal aid funds, has considered the *matter and decided that since* no application was ever submitted, it was not appropriate, nor was there any power, to make any payment.

Mr Lightman said: "Frankly I am extremely surprised that the Law Society has attempted to rely on the argument that a formal legal aid application was never made". He had pointed out that was a technicality it should not rely on.

A-level results

Hundreds failed by mistake

By David Tytler, Education Editor

A computer error in A level results has left hundreds of pupils believing they had failed and many others thinking their grades were lower than those achieved, so *putting their university places in* jeopardy.

Officials of the Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board yesterday reprocessed all the history of art A level results, which would improve the grades of most candidates, giving passes sufficient for university entry.

When complaints were first made the board insisted there was no mistake.

However, yesterday Mr Kurt Schoenenberger, secretary for the board, said: "We have worked all day to put this right. The new grades have now been sent to the Universities Central Council on Admissions so that nobody will lose a university place as a result. I want to make the point that we have worked very quickly."

The error was discovered when one of the board's examiners received the results for his own school and said they did not match the general quality of the papers he had seen. A check was then *made.*

Mr Schoenenberger said the mistake was made after the correct marks were sent from his Oxford office to the computing centre at Cambridge where they were incorrectly punched into the computer, giving students one or two grades less than their marks deserved.

Most universities demand grades A to C for entrance, although the boards say that anybody gaining D or E has passed.

One of the worst affected schools was Fettes College in Edinburgh where all 10 pupils who took the A level were told they had failed. The regradings will mean that eight of the 10, who did well in other subjects, will be given pass grades.

Mr Robert Philp, director of studies at Fettes, said the results were "unprecedented" and that he would still make a joint appeal against the results.

The college has been running history of art courses for four years and all pupils who sat the examination in 1987 passed.

Mr Philp said: "We were satisfied that all the theses were of a comparable standard to last year and we would have expected the candidates to have done equally well in the other papers.

"This is unprecedented and we are now conducting an inquiry to see what went wrong."

When asked about the results from Fettes, Mr Schoenenberger said: "Well, they have done very badly in history of art.

"There was, however, what we all call a computer error and their grades have been improved. This is a very small course and I am just very relieved it did not happen in English or maths."

Phone bill overpaid—by £83,000

By Michael Horsnell

Clark's, the shoe manufacturer, has been asked to foot bills totalling £83,375 by British Telecom for telephone equipment it no longer has.

The company, the biggest shoe-maker in Britain, only discovered the error when Mr Chris Clarke, an executive in its information services *department, was examining* company accounts at its headquarters in Street, Somerset.

British Telecom responded yesterday by saying that it is up to customers to detect mistakes in billing, but refunded the money without argument.

Mr Clarke found Clark's had been overpaying by more than £20,000 a year for four *years for 65 telephone lines it* no longer rents from BT. The company has 2,000 employees at its headquarters and about 1,200 telephones.

Mr Clarke said: "We were aghast when we realized they were overcharging us by so much".

British Telecom said: "We were genuinely unaware they *were not using the* equipment".

Charles I poser for the police

By Alan Hamilton

Scotland Yard forensic scientists have been asked to examine the bloodstained clothing of a man convicted not only of murder but of tyranny, treachery and of being a public enemy. The man, Charles Stuart, was said in court to have committed high treason and other high crimes against the realm of England.

Unfortunately the tests are likely to prove little and will certainly make no difference to the sentence. The prisoner was beheaded outside the Banqueting House in Whitehall on January 30, 1649.

King Charles I's knitted silk vest, owned by the Museum of London and now on display in the Banqueting House as part of an exhibition to mark the 300th anniversary of the Glorious Revolution of 1688, is to be sent for analysis by Miss Kay Staniland, keeper of the museum's costume department.

She hopes that scientific examination of traces of human matter on the vest will show Charles' blood group, whether he was suffering from any disease and whether he vomited as he laid his head on the block.

The museum wants to increase its knowledge of the king's last moments in time for the 340th anniversary of his execution next year.

Mr Peter Martin, deputy director of the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory at Lambeth, said yesterday: "If this thing comes in here it will go to the bottom of a very large pile. Frankly, we have more important work to do." Little could be discovered after 339 years, he said.

10,000 police will be at Notting Hill

By David Sapsted

More than a third of London's police will be on the streets during the Notting Hill carnival next weekend in an attempt to isolate the muggers and rioters that have marred the event in previous years.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Paul Condon, the officer responsible for maintaining order at the event, the largest street festival in Europe, yesterday said he had made public safety the priority at this year's carnival.

"This is not going to be the year of confrontation between the police and the community. If anyone is planning to come to the carnival looking for confrontation, they will be disappointed", he said.

"My advice to the public is to come early and leave early, certainly before it gets dark. With up to a million people on the streets at any one time, there will inevitably be those who want to commit crime or create disorders but, with the help of the carnival organizers, we hope we will be able to isolate the troublemakers this year."

Agreement was reached with the Notting Hill Carnival and Arts Committee on a number of changes. Mr Condon believes these are essential to evolutionary alterations in the organization which will result in the main events being staged somewhere other than on the streets of Notting Hill.

The main points of the agreement included sealing off certain streets, giving emergency services better access, and an agreement to end most of the activities at 8.30 pm on Sunday and Monday.

Up to 10,000 of London's 27,800 policemen and women will be on duty over the two days.

Last year 1,200 crimes were reported and there were 250 arrests during the two days, with another 70 in the ensuing weeks. One man was stabbed to death and 13 police officers were injured.

The Notting Hill committee undertook to provide 500 stewards but there have been recruitment problems.

After a meeting with the organizers on Thursday Mr Condon said he believed that the difficulties would be resolved by next Sunday.

Mr Condon, who describes the carnival as "for the most part, a superb multiracial pageant", refuses to echo MPs who want it stopped.

"It is not a police carnival. We do no authorize or license it. It is a community event; it *is for the community to* decide", he said.

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'Blackmail to pay for house'

A couple blackmailed a businessman into handing over £83,500 by pretending that his adultery had destroyed their marriage, a jury was told yesterday.

But the husband and his wife were living happily together and looking for a house to buy with the money they had extorted from the wealthy company director.

Mr Christopher Ball, for the prosecution, said the businessman, aged 45, was lured to a north London house and secretly filmed in a compromising position with the wife.

Later the Central Criminal Court heard that her husband, a chauffeur aged 42, turned up at his factory and accused him of having an affair with the wife. Mr Ball said the businessman denied the allegations but was confronted with a video recording.

The jury was told that the husband said: "You have ruined my life. You have ruined my marriage."

He then demanded the money so that he could start a new life in Egypt with his three children. The clothing manufacturer paid £80,000 into the husband's bank account in return for the video casette.

Soon after he paid the money, the wife appeared in the businessman's office very upset. She claimed he was responsible for her husband and children leaving her and asked for more money to search for them abroad. She said she had a copy of the video and threatened to expose him if he did not pay up. He paid her £3,500.

"He thought he had split the family. Faced with the threat from the wife he felt if he did not help her he would be exposed", Mr Ball said. "He had been fooled good and proper. The couple remained together and started house-hunting on their proceeds."

The couple both deny three *charges of blackmail and at*tempted blackmail.

The hearing continues.

Working amid 'madness' on the M25

Peter Ryan is a gang leader on a road widening project on the M25, Britain's busiest motorway and rapidly developing a reputation as the most dangerous. In a week when a mother and her three young daughters were killed on the road, GERAINT SMITH spent a hazardous day with Mr Ryan and the men who are trying to make it a safer place.

If the men in Peter Ryan's gang step out of line, the least they can expect is a reprimand, the worst is to be left squashed across the asphalt.

Discipline is essential, for the men risk injury even if they do take every precaution. "You need four eyes on this job", Mr Ryan said, as traffic roared by, much of it ignoring the 50mph speed limit on the stretch between Chertsey and Reigate in Surrey.

"The other day I looked up from a trench to see a car bearing down on us at about 60mph. It had smashed through a row of cones. The driver was reading a map. He swerved just in time and drove off."

Other motorists, frustrated at delays caused by the project on which Mr Ryan has worked for a year, have pelted him with tomatoes, eggs, tin cans and bricks as they passed. Only the eggs found their mark, but, as he says, an 80mph egg is no joke.

"It's hard to believe how stupid drivers can be. Once, two cars stopped to swop luggage in an active lane of the contraflow. Others have tried to avoid static traffic by going through the road works themselves. Most have got stuck behind lorries delivering asphalt, and serve them right. One couple of old ladies drove down a works slip-road to brew a cup of tea on a police patrol car ramp."

The job is dangerous enough even without such stupidity or malice. On Thursday, a lorry jack-knifed through a line of cones. Nobody was hurt, but if it had happened at the same time yesterday someone would have died.

Other lorries have shed loads on the working area. Consignments of nappies and gypsum powder, glass and live chickens have been deposited on the site.

Sometimes a car makes an entrance on its roof. The most recent spun, skidded 50 yards upside down and, just after the driver emerged, burst into flames. No one was hurt.

Back on the site, Mr Ryan sleeps in a caravan where his lullaby is the roar of traffic, his bed rocked by the weight of passing juggernauts. Even his lavatory is perched in the middle of a row of cones, shaken by the slipstream of vehicles hurtling by just inches away.

The consulting engineers, L G Mouchel and Partners, spent weeks working out where and when to place the 10,000 or so traffic cones so as to cut down delays and risks, and the police use speed checks conducted from bridges along the route, which is monitored through closed-circuit television, to keep drivers in check.

However, according to Jeff Sharpe, chief project engineer, it is still not safe enough. The reason is speed. "Too many people do not observe the mandatory limit. They drive too close to each other", he says. "We have asked the police for more patrol cars, but they just cannot provide them. They are already over-committed."

Other ideas have included placing flashing blue lights at the side of the road, or even installing cardboard cut-out police cars, but these have been rejected.

"The police have told us that we must *practise for a serious accident, with* casualties. One day, they say, we will have one. And there is really not much else we can do", Mr Sharpe said.

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Turbo-powered Fords gutted to take stolen cigarettes and electrical goods

Nine are jailed for military-style raids that amassed £1.3m

By Michael Horsnell

Nine members of a gang which netted more than £1.3 million of stolen goods in raids on shops and stores were jailed yesterday.

The men, who stole high-powered cars to outrun pursuing police, struck at supermarkets and newsagents throughout south-west England and Wales.

The gang, which sometimes used high-technology equipment to de-activate security devices, established an experienced network of "fences" to whom they sold the stolen property.

Bristol Crown Court was told that at the height of its activities last year, the gang which was equipped with combat knives and balaclavas, amassed a fortune from stolen cigarettes, drink, films and electrical goods in up to three raids a week.

Mr Alun Jenkins, for the prosecution, said the gang immobilized exterior burglar alarms by covering them in foam and then waited to see if police arrived.

If the police were not alerted, small teams loaded goods into the Ford Cosworths and turbo-powered Escorts, which had been gutted to take the stolen goods. The gang was trapped after a year-long surveillance operation by the South West Regional Crime squad.

Yesterday the ringleaders, Richard Eddy, aged 24, a salesman from Eastville, Bristol, and Stephen Walls, aged 28, unemployed from Greenbank, Bristol, were jailed for six years each for offences linked to the burglaries.

Towns in which the gang struck included Cardiff, Wincanton, Somerset, and Bristol, where one store in the Henbury area was robbed three times in three months.

Seven other gang members, aged between 20 and 29, admitted 43 charges including burglary, theft of cars, possession of a shotgun and conspiracy to burgle. They were given sentences ranging from 18 months youth custody to four years in prison.

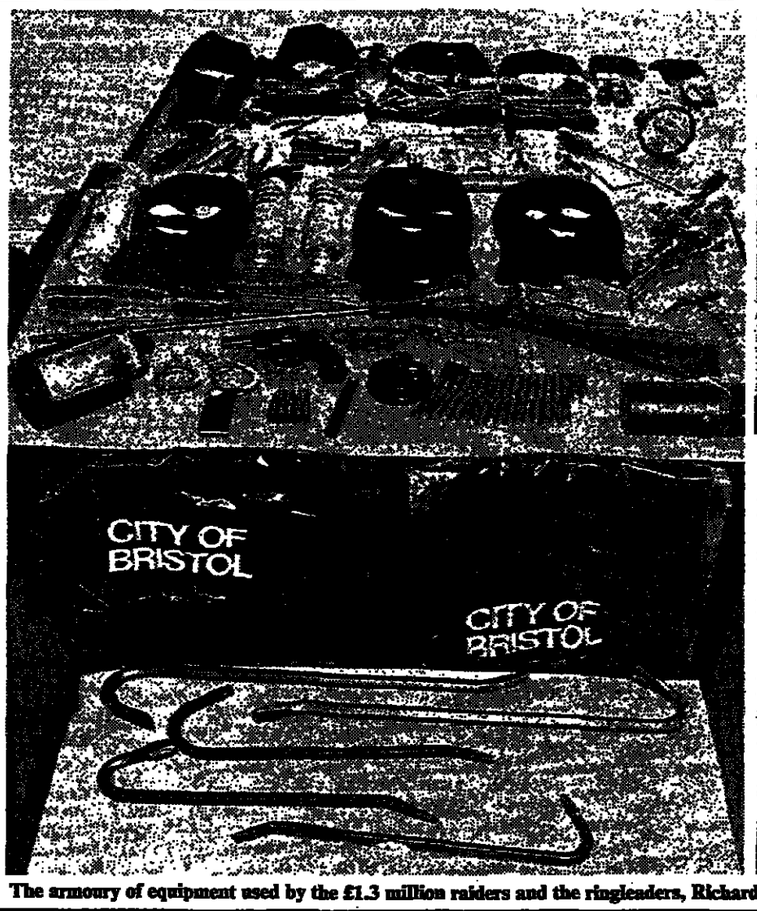
Judge Fallon QC, passing sentence, said the gang used a sophisticated system to carry out its string of night-time raids.

He said: "The system involved stealing highly powered cars which could, if necessary, outstrip the speed of any pursuing police cars. Premises only equipped with goods of high value were targeted with care."

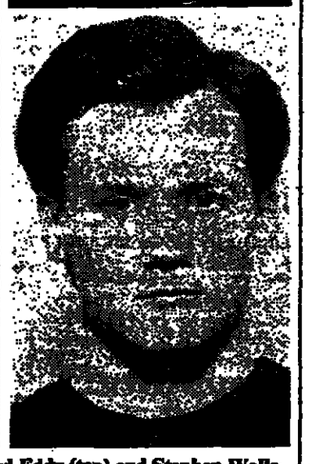
Referring to Eddy, a £200-a-week self-employed salesman, the judge said: "I have no doubt that, as the police officer said, you were largely responsible for the system."

The seven on charges linked to the raids were Sean Hayden, 22, of Willsbridge; Barry Russe, 21, of Longwell Green; Robert Jones, 23, of Highridge; Simon Monks, 20, of Eastville; Dean Stowell, 27, of Easton; Craig Canham, 29, of Bedminster; and Terry Guy, 25, of Bishopsworth, all in Bristol.

Two other men, Kenneth Summerell, aged 42, and Michael Wheeler, aged 39, both from Fishponds, Bristol, were jailed for a year each on handling charges.







The armoury of equipment used by the £1.3 million raiders and the ringleaders, Richard Eddy (top) and Stephen Walls.

Arrested policeman killed in 300ft fall

A policeman fell 300ft to his death from a viaduct after being arrested for questioning.

John Patrick Montague-Williams, aged 36, was helping with inquiries into offences allegedly committed in Sussex.

A widespread search had been launched after Mr Montague-Williams, a British Transport Police officer, disappeared on Monday night.

He was taken last night from Brecon police station, Powys, to Merthyr Tydfil, in Mid Glamorgan, handcuffed to a police officer.

Police said he was helping to recover property believed to be in the area, but broke free and fell from the viaduct at Pont Sarn, which overlooks a whirlpool in the Blue Pool.

He had indicated earlier this week that he intended to kill himself. A senior officer with the Dyfed-Powys force is to hold an inquiry into the death.

Mr Montague-Williams, a single man based at Brighton, East Sussex, lived with his elderly mother at Ditchling.

Sussex police said: "We are not confirming details of the criminal offences which were under investigation. He was on police bail

"It is not definite at this stage there would have been sufficient evidence to charge him."

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INTERCITY

Rail price rises

Commuters signal their fury on fares

By Emma Wilkins

In the first-class compartment of the 5.50 am Newcastle to London InterCity 125, the talk was of lynching parties and Machiavellian plots.

In common with commuters throughout Britain's rail network, many had just realized the full impact of reports that British Rail plans to double the cost of season tickets.

A pass for Newcastle regulars, for instance, is likely to rise from £6,992 to just under £14,000, first-class, and £5,000 to £10,000, second-class. British Rail's claim that long-distance executive travellers are thin on the ground would not wash among the power-breakfasters in the silver service buffet car.

Mr Conrad Monk, a regular commuter who joins the train at Peterborough, said: "We all had hysterics at the news. There was almost a lynching party on the station platform."

It was a scene being repeated on trains up and down the country yesterday after the news of the season ticket rises, expected to take effect from January, sank in. It could push up the cost of an annual first-class season ticket to Peterborough from £2,844 to £5,688.

Mr Monk believes that British Rail leaked the figure of 100 per cent increases to provoke relief when smaller rises were announced. "This is the most cynical manipulation of a situation which ordinary people cannot control", he said.

"I find it ironic that British Rail actively encouraged people to travel on these InterCity trains and yet, now, they are tightening the noose round our necks. I know people who have moved from London, bought a cheaper house, got a mortgage, organized children into schools and suddenly have been asked to pay an extra £2,000 or £3,000."

Mr Monk, aged 51, started his own ironmongery company 22 years ago, after 10 years as an actor. He had parts in *Z Cars* and *Dixon of Dock Green*. He moved to a seven-acre estate in what used to be Rutland 16 months ago, after living in Knightsbridge, central London, for more than thirty years. "I believed the quality of life in London had deteriorated substantially", he said.

"There was nowhere to park — the noise, the clamps and the tourists were all awful", he added.

He sold his home in London and bought an 18-bedroom early Victorian country house, which he now values at £750,000, almost double its original price.

"I now live surrounded by horses and dogs", he said. "It is a whole new way of life. When I announced that I was moving, all my friends said I was crazy, and that I would be back in London by the weekend, but now I wish I had moved out 10 years ago."

Mr Terence Suthers, assistant director of the Science Museum in London, makes the two-hour journey from York to London twice or three times a week. He has bought a one-bedroom flat in Richmond, south-west London, for £85,000, but prefers to stay in his house in York.

"The rise in fares will certainly affect me", he said. "I will have to think more carefully about how often I travel."

Hebden Bridge riding high thanks to trains

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The little town of Hebden Bridge in North Yorkshire, which achieved an unhappy prominence in the 1970s, is now enjoying a housing price boom. Long-distance commuters to London have been lured by relatively near fast rail links to the South.

The town made headlines in the 1970s when it was disclosed that more than 70 workers at the Acre Mill asbestos factory there had died of asbestosis. The factory was closed in 1971, and a decision to demolish it was taken in 1978.

After many years demolition began and is now almost completed. Health and Safety Executive staff were recently called in to make sure the site was safe.

Hebden Bridge is in one of the areas now benefiting from improved rail and road links.

It is enjoying a house price boom nobody could have foreseen a few years ago when it was a declining mill town.

Now it proudly regards itself as the gateway to the Pennines, has a thriving tourist industry and is proving attractive to the house buyer from London and the South who either wants to commute weekly or work in the area.

Prices are not on the London scale, but recent increases have enabled previous owners to "rub their hands in glee", according to the local estate agents, Mawson and Walton of the Hamlet Countrywide chain. A two-bedroom cottage has risen in value by 60 per cent in two years, a new four-bedroom house increased from £100,000 to £120,000 between January and June, while a three-bedroom house priced at £40,000 last January was selling for £50,000 last month.

Hebden Bridge, the agents report, became trendy in the 1960s, with teachers and students moving in.

Now tourism is important, restoration work has been carried out on the canal and river, and many new buyers are from the South.

A number of the commuters to London drive to Leeds, or Doncaster, just over an hour away, to take advantage of the fast rail service.

Knight Frank & Rutley, the agents, have predicted that parts of Yorkshire more than 200 miles from London might soon have a demand for houses equal to that in the Cotswolds, 70 miles away. That has happened in recent months.

Agents say improved rail and road communications are having a greater effect upon rural property prices than any other single factor.

Commuters — many of whom face increased fares — no longer measure a journey to work in door-to-door time.

Instead, Knight Frank & Rutley says, they measure it from station to office, seeing the journey to the station as in the home environment, not part of commuting.

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Confident Bush reveals the hunger to win

It was a bitter-sweet convention for the Republicans, half triumph and half fiasco. The emergence finally of a self-confident, authoritative Mr George Bush from President Reagan's long shadow was a long-awaited moment of sweetness, his straightforward, self-deprecating but moving speech a triumph for the honourable man who has suffered so much ridicule for his tongue-tied gaucheness.

But the furore over Senator Dan Quayle threatened to turn the minutely orchestrated television spectacular into a fiasco, leaving Republicans bitter at the press, and a damaging controversy to linger into the election campaign.

In some ways, the convention mirrored the Democrats' gathering in Atlanta. Both were meticulously disciplined, made-for-broadcast backdrops, intended not to air policy debates or allow any spontaneous cut and thrust, but to galvanize party loyalists the campaign scenes, and above all confer stature, authority and electability on the party nominee.

At both conferences, the delegates themselves were almost irrelevant — necessary only as cheer-leaders, flag-wavers, noise-makers, an array of smiling ethnically varied faces.

Even the party elders — Congressman Jim Wright, Senator Robert Dole and former presidents Carter and Ford — confined themselves to platitudes and scripted paeans to the inevitable nominee.

But the dynamics of the two gatherings were very different. The Republicans began with a considerable advantage — a far nicer convention city. Atlanta, hot, sterile and dull, was a wretched contrast to the steamy exuberance of New Orleans, which put delegates, commentators and reporters alike in a more relaxed mood.

The Republicans also began with the presence and blessing of a popular president, a towering and unifying figure in the party, whereas the Democrats arrived amid a simmering row between Governor Michael Dukakis and the Reverend Jesse Jackson, which threatened to split their numbers and sour the atmosphere.

The Republicans came with a strong message of growth at home and success abroad, a detailed and unanimous platform and the chance to reply to Democratic taunts. The Democrats had to set the pace and paper over lingering quarrels about policy.

But whereas the Democrats smoothed things over so that Mr Dukakis was able to glide to a polished, harmonious finish, the Republican running mate issue threw their convention into disarray. Mr Bush was forced to scrap his timetable for announcing his choice because of a growing feeling among the leading contenders that they were looking ridiculous, with the process becoming demeaning.

The surprise choice of Mr Quayle did not draw instant acclaim: "Right generation, wrong guy" was the headline over one commentary which expressed doubts that a telegenic 41-year-old with an undistinguished academic record and no major legislation to his name was fitted to be one heartbeat from the White House.

His naivety, inexperience and maladroit handling of the National Guard question quickly developed into a crisis for the party managers as the media smelled blood and concentrated on a Quayle hunt to the exclusion of all else.

But in the end, Mr Bush rose to the occasion, saving things from disaster. His acceptance speech was exactly what was needed, perfectly tailored to his personality. There was pride in his loyalty and the achievements of the Reagan-Bush era — but not too much focus on Mr Reagan.

There were also some good barbs at the Democrats — noting their claim that the economy was a Swiss cheese full of holes, Mr Bush added, in allusion to the Dukakis-Bentsen-Jackson trio, "that's the way it may look to the three blind mice".

And there was a sense of vision, an effective ridiculing of Mr Dukakis's haunted claim to competence as "a narrow ideal that makes trains run on time but doesn't know where they're going, the creed of the technocrat who makes sure the gears mesh but doesn't for a second understand the magic of the machine."

Most importantly, Mr Bush emerged as a compassionate, decent, feeling family man — a person whose heart breaks when he hears of greed and graft and the betrayal of public trust, a man who cared about the homeless and the disabled, who wanted to "leave the tired old baggage of bigotry behind", who was determined to promote a "kinder, gentler nation".

His vision may do much to dispel the high negative ratings, especially by women, and he may disarm the mocking barbs of the satirists with his honest admission to awkwardness and lack of eloquence but to a quietness that allows him to hear the quiet people.

Mr Bush seemed at last his own man. Suddenly he looked presidential, spoke with gravity and evident sincerity. The understanding of what it takes to be President and fulfil the mission seemed well rounded. And the hunger to win was at last apparent.

As expected, he emerged from his most crucial test having closed the gap. He now has an honest chance of winning.

Washington View

By Michael Binyon

Quayle's haven from the Vietnam conflict

From Christopher Thomas New Orleans

The National Guard was regarded by middle-class Americans as an honourable safe haven for young men trying to avoid the Vietnam War. There was fierce competition for places, and political or personal connections were often essential.

Dan Quayle joined in 1969 and took a desk job after first learning to be a welder. Other Americans of his generation were dying in Vietnam that year at the rate of 200 to 400 a week as anti-war demonstrations raged at home.

His life was interrupted little by his Guard duties, which required six months of basic training followed by 39 days of service each year, including one weekend a month of drilling and 15 days of field training each summer over a six-year period.

In the same year he graduated from DePauw University, a small liberal arts college in Queencastle, Indiana, largely attended by sons and daughters of the Midwest's upper-middle class establishment.

He was, by all accounts, a below average student. His passion at the time was golf; professors recalled that he was often on the links when he should have been in class. Mr Robert Sedlack, a Professor of English and a local Democrat, called him "crashingly mediocre. C minus would probably categorize him".

In 1969 in Vietnam the US Army was facing severe discipline problems. So many soldiers went Awol, the Army had trouble prosecuting them. In the mood of the times, there was no sense of shame or lack of patriotism in looking for a loophole to avoid combat.

Joining the National Guard was an acceptable, alternative way of performing military duty. A number of Guard units was mobilized early in the war, but by 1969 there was almost no chance of them being sent to Vietnam because President Lyndon Johnson rejected a Joint Chiefs of Staff recommendation that units of both the National Guard and the Reserves of the Army, Air Force and Marines be called to combat duty.

A total of 3.4 million servicemen and women were sent to South-East Asia, 283,500 of whom were drafted in 1969. There are 3,000 Guard units and in May, 1968, 20 of them were mobilized for combat duty. About 9,000 people from those units eventually went to Vietnam; 97 were killed.

Only one Indiana National Guard unit was mobilized and suffered three casualties. Mr Quayle was a member of the Guard's 120th Public Information Office. He was trained as a military journalist and helped put out a newspaper called the *Indiana Guardsman*.

Many young men who failed to get into the National Guard during the Vietnam War era fled to Canada. Some misled draft boards with fake health records or even by pretending to be homosexuals. Getting out of the war carried no special stigma.

What is at issue with Mr Quayle is not that he joined the Guard: it is the fact that he is politically a hawk on military matters yet chose not to go into the Army ,and that he has admitted that "phone calls were made" to find him a place. He said he wanted to get in the National Guard so he could stay home and go to law school. "It was an option that was available to me and I wanted to pursue it."

He comes from one of the most powerful families in Indiana. He is an heir to a family trust that controls a publishing empire worth an estimated $100 million (£58.8 million).

Mujahidin groups absorb implications of Zia's death as his grave is prepared

Afghan resistance leaders confident of Pakistan support

By Edward Gorman

Afghan Mujahidin resistance leaders are anxiously absorbing the implications of the loss of their principal ally.

But they remain confident that President Zia's death will not affect Pakistan's continued support for them during the remainder of the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Mr Zabihullah Mujadidi of the moderate Afghan National Liberation Front, and the prime minister-designate of the resistance government in Peshawar, said: "The extent of the support may change — it might not be as strong as under Zia — but we believe the basic principle underlying Pakistan's policy would, and should not, change."

Mr Mujadidi, speaking from Peshawar, added that even if Islamabad cut off the Mujahidin completely, he was confident that the war could be taken to a successful conclusion with the weapons already available and the huge stocks of captured arms now reaching the guerrillas.

But Western diplomats in Islamabad said that the future for the rebels, whom President Zia allowed to be based in the North West Frontier and to receive arms worth millions of dollars from the Americans and Saudi Arabia, is now uncertain. There were fears that there may be moves to curtail their operations, to cut weapons supplies, and to encourage a swift return of more than three million refugees in the coming months.

Pakistan's National Emergency Council comprises: Mr Aslam Khan Khattaq, Cabinet Minister; Mr Shahzada Yaqub Khan, Foreign Minister; Malik Nasim Aheer, Interior Minister; Mr Mahmood Haroon, Defence Minister; Mr Wassim Saffed, Justice Minister; Mr Nawaz Sharif, Punjab Chief Minister; General Fazle Haq, Frontier Chief Minister; Mr Afarullah Khan Jamali, Baluchistan Chief Minister; General Rahim Uddin Khan, Sind Governor; Mr Akhtar Ali Kazi, Sind Minister; and General Aslam Beg, Admiral Iftikhar Ahmed Sirohi, and Air Chief Marshall Hakimullah of the forces.

One diplomat said: "The key problem is that Zia kept Afghan policy to himself and made all the significant decisions himself.

"Even those calling the shots in other areas were not involved on the Afghan question."

He added that, despite immediate reassurances that Pakistan's policy on Afghanistan would not change, Mr Ghulam Ishaq Khan, the acting President, had no track record in foreign policy and future moves would be hard to predict.

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, is flying to Islamabad for President Zia's funeral and is expected to conduct intensive talks with the caretaker Government in an attempt to safeguard both the special relationship between the two countries and the Afghan policy.

Concern for the future of the resistance, mainly among the Americans, reflects the growing tension in the region over what Kabul claims is Pakistan's continued interferance in the internal affairs of Afghanistan — in violation of the Geneva peace accords — after the first months of the Soviet withdrawal.

In the past two years, Pakistan has paid an increasingly high price in retaliatory bombings and air raids on its territory by the Kabul regime.

What worries the US is that, with elections due in November, a coalition of opposition groups, led by Miss Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party, may come to power intent on seeking a swift conclusion to the Afghan crisis.

She had repeatedly attacked President Zia in the past two years for disregarding the sacrifice made by ordinary Pakistanis — many of whom have paid with their lives for his policy — and for deliberately violating the Geneva accords.Miss Bhutto knows that a swift curtailment of the activities of the resistance would be a certain vote-winner.

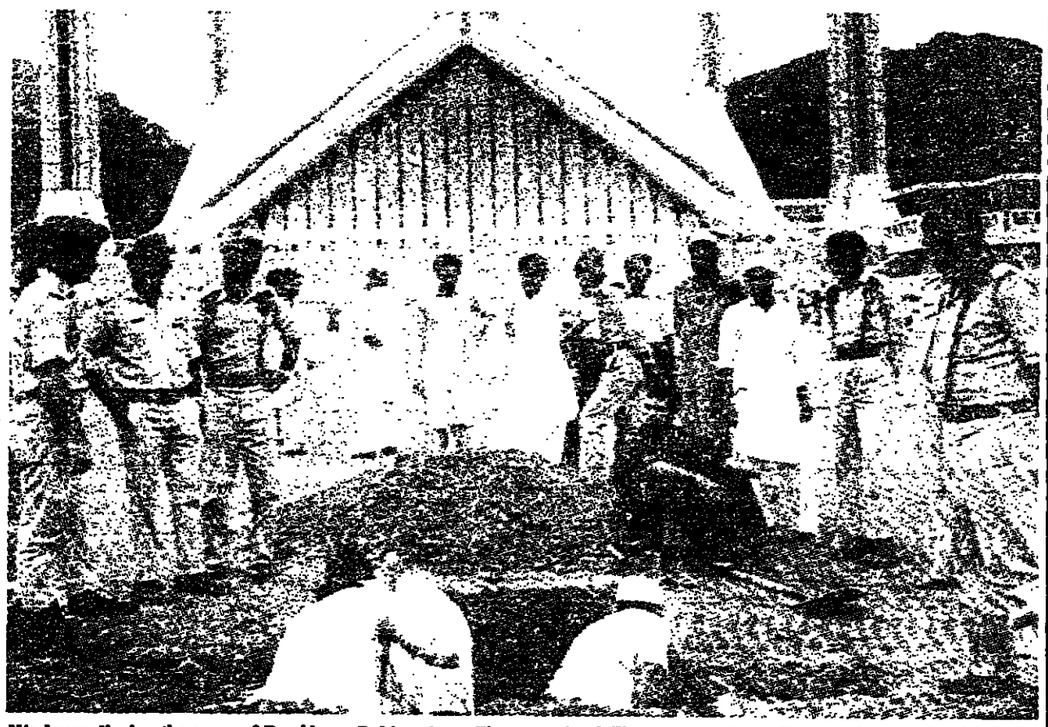
Whether or not Kabul had a hand in President Zia's death, it could not have come at a better time as the beleaguered communist regime struggles to survive without full Soviet military support.

But observers point out that the Afghan Government has an opportunity to consolidate its hold on the main cities since the remaining 50,000 Soviet troops do not have to be out until next February.

One further likely consequence of General Zia's death is a decline in the influence of the hard-line fundamentalist guerrilla leader, Mr Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

He was backed by the President as a strong future ally of Pakistan, ruling a liberated Afghanistan. But Mr Hekmatyar, who in the past has resorted to kidnapping and killing opponents, and who has regularly ordered his guerrillas to attack rival groups in the field, is feared by the other resistance leaders.

He may now find himself out in the cold as the so-called moderates once again come to the fore.



Workmen digging the grave of President Zia of Pakistan yesterday in the compound of the vast Faisal Mosque at the foot of Islamabad's Margalla Hills. Pakistan's military and civilian authorities were yesterday putting the finishing touches to preparations for the state funeral today (Hasan Akhtar writes). The newly completed mosque costing millions of pounds has been built by funds donated by the late King Faisal of Saudi Arabia.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Errors that killed 290 'not crucial'

Washington — Errors were made by crew members of the US Navy cruiser Vincennes when an Iranian Airbus was shot down in the Gulf last month killing 290 people, according to the Pentagon report released yesterday, which confirmed the version leaked earlier this month (Mohsin Ali reports). It exonerated the ship's captain and crew and claimed that the mistakes were not due to negligence.

Mr Frank Carlucci, the Defence Secretary, said that the report found that Captain Will Rogers "acted prudently on the basis of the information available to him." He had decided to withdraw a letter of censure proposed for one of the ship's officers, despite mistakes made by that officer.

Admiral William Crowe, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that no disciplinary action would be taken against any member of the crew. He said that taken individually the mistakes "were not crucial" to the decision to fire two Standard missiles at the Airbus. Even cumulatively, they did not change the picture in a decisive way.

German kidnap row

Bonn — West German police yesterday were virtually accused of wasting the life of a teenage girl, held hostage following a bank raid, by not calling in a crack anti-terrorist unit to help stop her kidnappers (John England writes).

Silke Bischof, aged 18, from Bremen, was shot dead by one of her abductors when police opened fire on their getaway car on an autobahn near Bonn on Thursday.

The police action was ordered by Herr Herbert Schnoor, the Social Democrat Interior Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia, and Conservative politicians accused him of a fatal mistake in not accepting the federal Government's offer of help from the tough GSG-9 commandos — the West German equivalent of Britain's SAS.

Prague student arrests

Prague — Some 30 Italian students were detained briefly by Czechoslovak police yesterday after they distributed anti-communist leaflets in Wenceslas Square in the centre of Prague to passers-by (Richard Bassett writes).

The police presence in the Czechoslovak capital has risen sharply with the 20th anniversary this weekend of the Warsaw Pact invasion which ended the "Prague Spring". Charter 77 has called on Czechoslovaks to throw off "their fetters of fear" and show this weekend what they really feel about the events of 1968. Leading article, page 9

Polish strikes spread

Warsaw — Industrial unrest spread to four more mines in southern Poland yesterday, making a total of nine mines on strike (Richard Bassett writes). As the Government's deadline of today for a return to work is passed, the present industrial unrest could develop into the most serious challenge for the Government since the days of martial law.

Rare shark found

Sydney (AP) — A shark dubbed "megamouth", with lips that glow in the dark, has been washed ashore off the coast of western Australia and is only the third such specimen to be found, scientists said yesterday. The 13 ft fish came ashore near the resort town of Mandurah. Residents pushed it back to sea but it beached itself again and died.

Man in the News

Civilian intellectual takes helm in Burma

By Anatol Lieven

Bangkok — Dr Maung Maung was elected President of Burma and leader of the ruling Burma Socialist Programme Party yesterday during a series of stormy meetings in Rangoon (Neil Kelly writes). He is the first civilian President for 26 years. His election, though something of a conciliatory gesture — he is less disliked than others in the party leadership — was greeted by dissident leaders with vows to continue their nationwide campaign for radical political reforms. These include a call for free elections and the abolition of one-party rule.

The dissidents want a non-party interim government set up to supervise free elections, and plan a series of nationwide strikes.

Opposition leaders said that Dr Maung Maung was no more acceptable than his military predecessors. They complained of his long association with General Ne Win, a former leader, and of his responsibility as a senior legal officer for abuses of the law and infringement of human rights.

The only other concession by the Government yesterday was the appointment of a 10-member commission to investigate the public campaign for democracy which has caused serious unrest for the past five months. It must report by the end of September. More than 200,000 people marched through Mandalay yesterday demanding free elections.

Dr Maung Maung, aged 63, is highly unusual on two counts among the leaders of the Burma Socialist Programme Party: He is a civilian intellectual, not a soldier,and he has extensive experience of the West.

His colleagues are probably hoping that the first fact will mollify the protests against the 26-year rule of the party, while the second may encourage foreign aid donors, on whom the Burmese economy is now critically dependent.

However, Dr Maung Maung is also a completely loyal party member and a protege of the former ruler, General Ne Win, to whom he was personal legal adviser and whom he sincerely admired.

This has encouraged a feeling that General Ne Win will probably continue to exert great influence behind the scenes.

Dr Maung Maung was also a soldier in his youth, a junior officer in the Burma Independence Army of which General Ne Win was the Chief of Staff. He fought first with the Japanese against the British Empire, and then, when the Japanese made themselves even more hated, with the allies against the Japanese. This connection with the military has probably been crucial in his career.

After independence in 1948, he studied at Rangoon University before winning a scholarship to study law in London, where he was called to the Bar. Subsequently he studied for two doctorates in the West. The first, at Utrecht University, concerned international law. The second, at Yale, examined law and custom in Burmese Buddhist law.

In Burma, he worked as a journalist and was deputy Attorney-General in General Ne Win's first, caretaker Government after 1958.

After the coup of 1962, he served in various high legal positions, helping to write the Constitution of 1974 and becoming Justice Minister. He and the Education Minister, U Kyaw Sen, were the only civilians at the top of General Ne Win's Government.

Dr Maung Maung is not thought to have played a direct role in repression — "though he probably did not protest especially loudly", as one Burmese put it dryly.

A journalist who worked with him in the 1950s has described him as a lawyer through and through. "He won't go beyond his brief," he added.He is said to be moderate by nature, ambitious but not ruthless, well-mannered, and very cautious in his speech and commitments. This makes him a good compromise candidate, but there are doubts over whether he will be strong enough himself to hold together the different factions and push through needed reforms.

He is, indeed, widely seen as a figurehead, so much will depend both on the cohesion and on the openness to reform of his senior colleagues and of the next generation of more junior army officers.

Dr Maung Maung is a deeply religious man, married with grown-up children, and a teetotaller. His character and background are in sharp contrast to those of his immediate predecessor, General Sein Lwin.

This may quieten protests for a while, but observers are not putting any money on a long period of rule.

Afrikaner newspaper refuses to toe Botha line

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

The editor and publishers of South Africa's biggest-selling Afrikaans-language daily newspaper refused to back down yesterday in the face of severe public criticism from President Botha.

At the Natal National Party congress in Durban, Mr Botha accused Mr Willem Wepener, editor of *Beeld*, of irresponsible reporting and of embarrassing the Government over various delicate issues. He said he hoped that the directors of Nasionale Pers, the owners and publishers, would take note of Pretoria's dissatisfaction.

But in a statement published on the front page of *Beeld* yesterday, Nasionale Pers said that the board of directors — who included Mr Botha until he resigned on becoming Prime Minister in 1978 — valued the autonomy of its newspapers and would not act as a "dictatorial super-editor". It was, however, prepared to "discuss" the relationship between *Beeld* and Mr Botha. In an editorial, Mr Wepener was equally unapologetic. He wrote: "We are obviously going to have difficulties if Mr Botha feels we have played into the hands of the Government's political opponents. He knows far more about the political game than we do."

Beeld, like all other Afrikaans-language newspapers, is generally supportive of the Government, but under Mr Wepener's editorship since 1983 has been outspokenly critical of the way some key issues have been handled.

It rounded on the Government a few weeks ago over the film about Steve Biko, *Cry Freedom*, seized from cinemas after being passed by the official censors, and has severely questioned intended tightening of group areas legislation.

In an editorial, it said the legislation would provide an opportunity for right-wingers and unsympathetic officials to launch witch-hunts similar to those carried out under the now defunct "pass laws" and the Immorality Act.



Mr Wepener: His stance on Mandela riled President.

But it has been its editorial stance on Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress leader, that appears finally to have ignited Mr Botha's well-known short fuse.

Mr Wepener wrote in an editorial a month ago: "If a more opportune time is being awaited to release Mandela, we can say now it will never dawn." The paper returned to the theme on Thursday as Mr Botha launched his attack.

Yesterday Mr Wepener wrote that South Africa's interests weighed heavier than politics. "With all respect, will a Government as strong as Mr Botha's be accused of weakness if it sometimes considers well-meant, friendly advice?"

Mr Wepener, unlike many other Afrikaans editors who are often drawn from academic ranks with little or no practical newspaper knowledge, has a reputation of being a thorough newspaperman with nearly 40 years' experience and an excellent news sense. He has edited *Beeld* since 1983, during which time it has eliminated its Afrikaner opposition in Johannesburg and risen to a daily circulation of 950,000 — a high figure by South African standards.

He was the founding editor in 1970 of the Nasionale Pers Sunday flagship, *Rapport*, and built its circulation from scratch to nearly 500,000 to challenge the most successful English-language newspapers.

● **DURBAN:** Mandela's future remained as uncertain as ever yesterday despite hints on Thursday by Mr Botha that a way might be found to release him from jail on grounds of age and ill-health (Michael Hornsby writes).

Mandela, aged 70, is recovering at Tygerberg Hospital, Cape Town, from what his laywer says is tuberculosis — a diagnosis still not officially confirmed. He was moved to the hospital on August 12 from Pollsmoor prison near by where he was serving a life sentence for sabotage imposed 24 years ago. He is now said to be very thin but "up and about" and on the mend.

Reports in some local newspapers yesterday, citing anonymous government sources, suggested that Mandela could leave hospital a free man "within a week". They speculated that President Botha's reference on Thursday to the "co-operation" that had been shown so far by Mandela indicated that the ANC leader might now be prepared to renounce violence.

But Mr Stoffel van der Merwe, the Minister of Information, yesterday described these reports as "premature". In an interview with *The Times*, he said that Mr Botha was referring to the fact that Mandela had refrained from "turning his illness into a publicity stunt" rather than to any change in the ANC leader's position on violence.

Mr Ismail Ayob, Mandela's lawyer, said yesterday that he would be astonished if Mandela were now prepared to give the formal, public undertaking to renounce violence which, up to now, he had always refused as the price of his freedom. Nothing he had said when Mr Ayob saw him in hospital last Tuesday indicated a change of position.

Cheers for UN blue berets as guns of Gulf War fall silent

From Michael Hamlyn, Baghdad

The guns and rockets which have brought mass destruction to both sides of the Gulf War for eight years were silent last night as 140 men in the blue berets of the United Nations Iran/Iraq Military Observer Group fanned out across thousands of square miles of desert and mountain to observe the start of the ceasefire.

"There is not much happening in any sector at present," said Colonel William Phillips, aged 56, the Irish Chief of UN Operations in Iraq. "The guns are already silent."

The men in the blue berets, unarmed and in groups of four, come from 24 nations though they all speak English to each other. "It's a Babel," said one of the UN officers, "but it has gone miraculously well, so far."

The ceasefire began officially at 4am London time today (03.00 GMT), but Colonel Phillips, a veteran of UN operations in the Congo, Cyprus and Lebanon, and his men regarded it as in operation from midnight local time last night (9pm London time). They were showered with sweets and flowers by a cheering throng of Iraqis, plainly overjoyed at the end of hostilities which the UN troops symbolized as they left for their posts.

Eight teams left for rubble-strewn Basra in the south where the most intense fighting has been, and where Iranian artillery has pounded the civilian population in return for the Iraqi battering of Khorramshahr and Abadan across the narrow Shatt-al-Arab waterway. Four teams left for Baqubah, in the central sector of the frontier, and four more for the rugged northern sector based in Kirkuk.

Their mission is to observe the ceasefire in operation, to cool tempers and to bring both sides together in case of clashes. Once the ceasefire holds, attention will move to Geneva, where UN-sponsored talks between the politicians of both sides begin next week. But part of the observer group's responsibility will be try to ensure the withdrawal of each side from the other's territory to the internationally agreed frontier. They will also try to remove the long-range artillery from either side far enough back to prevent further damage.

Curiously, the difficulty may not be so much where the frontier has been most keenly contested, across the Shatt-al-Arab , since it does not much matter for the placement of troops whether the border runs down the middle of the waterway as one side claims, or along the low water-mark.

Much more difficult will be the controlled pull-back of forces from areas such as the Panjwin Salient, where the Iraqi First Corps has been battling to drive the Iranians back or further south around Halabja. The Iranians have withdrawn from the town itself under pressure of the gas warfare techniques of the Iraqis, but Western military observers report that they are still believed to be in the hills to the east. The Iraqis are reported to be unwilling to move into the evacuated town itself because of the residual chemical pollution there.

There may also be problems in the southern sector where the border sweeps northwards from the disputed water boundary. Western observers point out that the Iraqi Third Corps crossed the frontier here after the Iranian leaders had accepted the UN ceasefire, and Resolution 598.

They attempted to cut the main supply line between the town of Ahvas and the Khorramshahr-Abadan complex, but were heavily defeated.

In the north, even though the UN observers report that all is peaceful along the frontier, diplomats insist that there are still heavy operations by the Iraqi armed forces against their own Kurdish rebels. These are taking place some distance away from the frontier area, and have recently been marked with more than usual ferocity. Villages have been razed, and populations forcibly transferred away from the area.

The 800,000 men of the Iraq Army are unlikely to be stood down for some time. Diplomats suggest two reasons. First, the Iraqis basically do not trust the Iranian acceptance of Resolution 598. There is a strong belief here that the Ayatollahs have simply bought time, while they re-equip and re-group for further assaults.

Second, the return of so many underemployed young men to civilian life might have a disturbing effect on the stability of the regime of President Saddam Hussein.

Devastation and despair for Sudan's homeless



With Nile waters lapping around the ruins of their homes, Khartoum inhabitants wait to see if yesterday's rainfall will cause more flooding.

Tip tribes fight to secure a share of aid

From Catherine Bennett, Khartoum

Hilat Kusha, literally the "place of rubbish", is a flat expanse of land north of Khartoum which once was merely a dumping ground for chemical wastes from local factories and tons of domestic garbage. Lately, it has also accepted Sudan's human rejects – people from the south, fleeing the five-year civil war.

Southerners were arriving in the capital at the rate of 3,000 a month in the weeks before the rains, joining the estimated 1.5 million displaced persons already living in shanty towns on the outskirts of the city.

When the storms came, their mud or sacking huts were the first to be washed away. Places such as Hilat Kusha, with no political representation and acres of contaminated water cutting them off, have also been some of the last to receive help.

The Save the Children Fund tried to reach the camp but lost a Land-Rover in the brown floodwaters separating Kusha from the factories. A group from the Sudanese Council of Churches finally arrived to distribute food registration cards, and found the villagers angry. Dr Priscilla Joseph, of the council, believes that the Sudanese Government is neglecting the displaced people. She said: "The people were furious at first. Nobody had been to see them. They didn't have drinking water."

They had had to walk more than a mile through thigh-deep water to get it and were apprehensive.

"They didn't know what was going to happen because nobody was looking after them."

Yesterday, when Save the Children Fund workers arrived by lorry and waded towards the huts – constructions of sticks and sacking housing some 2,000 people – they found a cynical reaction. A Dinka chief, carrying a dirty briefcase and registration cards, said he expected that they had brought nothing either.

In fact, a lorryload of plastic sheeting, given by the US, was parked out of sight, waiting until the officials could organize a distribution system to avoid fighting between householders and tribespeople.

Mr Terry Lewis, a relief co-ordinator for the fund, said: "When people become displaced in small groups like this, they have leadership problems because they have not got their families and their village infrastructure." His policy was to distribute to the most important members of the settlement.

Eventually four "elders" were produced from four different southern tribes and led towards the lorry. "I'll give you the sheeting if you can control the people," Mr Lewis told them – and for 20 minutes the elders did.

The boxes of sheeting were piled up and instructions given for cutting them into strips. Then another Dinka man arrived. He explained that, because his tribe was different, this man would give him nothing. Then another Dinka claimed rights to his own supply of sheeting for eight families.

A crowd of around 200 pushed around the lorry, waving cards which did not entitle them to anything. As the truck emptied, they became more frantic, wresting boxes from the truck and fending off wealthier inhabitants who had waded from houses 500 yards away.

Fights started in a ditch as one group dragged sheeting from a box and others began tugs-of-war in the shallows. Mr John Patel, the fund's director in Khartoum, ordered the lorry to go. "I think that was about 70 per cent successful," he said.

Higher up the rubbish dump is the home of an estimated 8,000 displaced people. There have been visits from the churches' council and some distribution of aid, but the settlement is still characterized by black puddles and broken glass amid the mud foundations of what had been houses. Some of the displaced people are building a church, others houses in which they will live long after the flood water has dried up.

"This disaster has highlighted the plight of the displaced," Mr Patel said. "It's an opportunity for donors and governments to take stock of the humanitarian and general needs of the displaced and more vulnerable."

At Oxfam, Mr Anthony Nedley, relief co-ordinator for Sudan, emphasized that the disaster should be seen as only one of three or four acute problems facing the country.

When the Khartoum flood has dried up, and the roads and railways have recovered, the procession of displaced people is expected to resume its journey to the capital.

There are locusts moving to Sudan from the west, further flooding west of Khartoum, and after-effects of drought requiring food aid in the Red Sea hills. Mr Nedley said: "There is a disaster here about every three months."

The centre of Khartoum had been drying up before the rain started again yesterday, and the Nile is still said to be rising. There are no plans to cope with a flood other than radio announcements. One aid worker said: "Everybody's just hoping it will stay away. It's sad but true. We'll just have to wait and see."

Oxfam and the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator yesterday reported extensive flooding in rural areas of Sudan. The UN group said the area around Dongola, a northern Nile town, was cut off and that the other Nile towns of Berber and Shendi were affected. "Unprecedented flows" on the Atbara river, south-east of Khartoum, had flooded the entire river basin.

FROM A VILLAGE IN THE HIMALAYAS

Why irate mothers put the outsider to flight

By Victor Zorza and Veenu Sandal

Within hours of her arrival in the village, the young woman knew she was on probation. One false move and she could be sent packing, as other strangers had been. The villagers had, astutely, let her have the hut next to the drummer who was also the community's watchman. He closely observed her comings and goings for several days.

He concluded that she was not an interfering busybody. Unlike most town people, Anjana – officially designated as a "health worker" – didn't turn up her nose at the dirt in which they all wallowed. Everybody relaxed. The women, distrustful at first, soon warmed to her, asked her what to do if their babies had colic or conjunctivitis, or just cried too much. Gradually, they came to trust her enough to do as she said – sometimes.

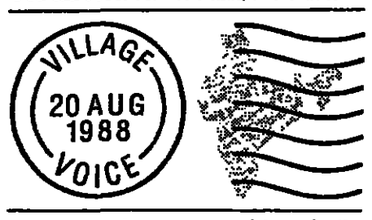
All seemed well until one cold winter day, when taking advantage of the new road linking the village to the district town, Anjana's superior arrived in a Jeep. He had come, the doctor told Anjana – caught unawares – to launch a new project designed to induce village women to take better care of their children. The idea was simple: one, two and three-year-olds would be weighed on the scales – the latest that modern technolgy could provide – which he had brought with him. The three children who weighed the most, and were the cleanest, would receive cash prizes.

The women, puzzled at first, were soon splitting their sides with laughter. What? Weigh children in kilos? Rice, wheat, potatoes – those you weigh. But children? Perhaps the doctor had been a shopkeeper once? Or did he want to set up a trade in children? "How much" they finally asked Anjana, earnestly, "is he going to pay us per kilogramme of child?" "Seventy-five rupees for the first prize, 50 for the second, 30 for the third," Anjana tried to clarify.

Each woman, convinced that her child was the healthiest in the village, and would win the money, good-humouredly picked up her offspring and hurried towards the tin-roofed shelter under which the doctor had set up his equipment. He was appalled. The children, always barefoot, had feet encrusted with layers of dirt; many had dripping noses; several had dirty bottoms; most wore torn, filthy clothes. "Send them back," he told Anjana, "and explain to them again the importance of cleanliness. The prizes will go to children who are both healthy and clean."

The women left, peeved, and some didn't return, but the poorest did, with the children all scrubbed and neat: they were thinking of the money. Three hours passed before the last child had been weighed and inspected. The sun began to dip behind the high mountains in the West. Many women were now restive. When the doctor, beaming, announced the prize-winners, there was a moment of tense silence. The winners stepped forward proudly with their children and accepted the cash. Then all hell broke loose.

"What about my baby? Who says he's not healthy?" "And mine!" "What about mine?" another woman snarled, closing in on the doctor. Confronted with a barrage of questions, he soon disappeared from Anjana's sight as a crowd of women pushed and jostled and shrieked abuse. "We know what happened," one of them yelled. "There was money for each of us, but you and Anjana have split it between yourselves. You can't fool us. Take that, and that ..."



Afraid that her presence might stoke the inflamed tempers, Anjana quietly withdrew. The doctor, retrieving his weighing machine and papers, fled down the hill pursued by a horde of furious women, many with wailing babies in their arms.

We too joined the chase, trying to catch up with him: he had promised to talk to us about his projects. "Wait, doctor, wait," we called out. But he jumped into the Jeep and raced off, churning up a cloud of dust.

We climbed back to our own hut and were preparing supper when we heard an altercation. All over the village squabbles were breaking out like little fires flaring up. Men were shouting at their wives; the women were answering back. The husbands, their day's work over, had come back hungry, but their food was not ready. What had the women been up to?

One by one the little fires went out. Now the men were laughing: "Just like women, to stand in line for three hours, for nothing . ."

We walked to the temple square to hear the villagers talk about the day's events, but they fell silent just as we approached. Everybody was watching the lone figure of a woman trudging wearily up the path.

Anjana stopped, then climbed slowly towards her hut, a picture of dejection even in the grey light of dusk.

Six months' work gone to waste. She would have to start building bridges all over again.

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Next Saturday: Village fights brain drain

Divided Korea

Gulf between extended hands

From Gavin Bell, Panmunjom

Korean peace talks have resumed, after a three-year hiatus, with an amusing incident bordering on farce which may portend a fruitless dialogue.

The mood was relaxed and cordial as 10 delegates from North and South Korea filed into a conference building in the northern sector of the Demilitarized Zone yesterday.

With one accord, their respective leaders rose from their seats and extended their hands for a historic gesture of friendship – then found to their dismay that the table between them was too wide.

Political concerns behind the dispute over figures

Thus Mr Chon Kum Chol, of the North Korean Supreme People's Assembly, and Mr Park Joon Kyu, of the South Korean National Assembly, were photographed for posterity with their outstretched hands separated by a yard of empty space. The symbolism was painfully evident, and was reflected in the deliberations that followed. Nothing was resolved in three hours' intensive discussions, and the meeting was adjourned until today.

The main stumbling blocks were conflicting proposals for a non-aggression pact and for an enlarged conference to formulate it and debate other issues such as the Seoul Olympics.

The North appears to have dropped its demand that US forces must withdraw from South Korea before any peace accord can be reached, but it still insists that a parallel or agreed future pull-out is essential. The South, deeply suspicious of its neighbour's motives, rejects such conditions. It also maintains that any pact must be decided at government rather than parliamentary level.

The two sides agreed in principle to hold a bigger conference in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, next week, but differed sharply on what form it should take.

The North proposed a joint plenary session of the two parliaments, together with 100 representatives of other political and social groups and 40 aides. South Korea argued that such a 1,094-strong assembly would be unwieldy and incapable of reaching agreements. It suggested 20 delegates and a 40-member support staff on either side.

Behind the mathematical dispute, there are more profound political concerns.

The South suspects a manoeuvre to exclude its Government (which Pyongyang Radio denounces as a "puppet clique"), to exploit divisions in its newly democratic society, and to stage a meaningless propaganda exercise.

Seoul's chief delegate reiterated this view later: "Their strategy is to avoid dealing with our Government, and to get something from our Parliament for propaganda purposes. They do not accept reality."

The North refused to be drawn on its Olympic boycott, and Mr Park concluded that there was only one chance in a thousand of its taking part. Nor was there any response to the recent proposal from President Roh Tae Woo of South Korea for summit talks with Mr Kim Il Sung, his northern counterpart.

Mr Park, asked about prospects of the enlarged meeting taking place, said: "It's a matter of hope and prayer. It's fifty-fifty." He was noticeably less sanguine than he had been at a pre-conference briefing, when he said: "It's not like the old days. We are expecting a little *glasnost* and *perestroika* from North Korea."

Despite the lack of progress, there was a perceptible thaw in relations during the meeting in the aptly-named Tongil Gak (Unification Pavilion), within sight of the watchtowers and armed guards of the military demarcation line.

In sharp contrast with the vitriolic exchanges of armistice commission meetings, the conduct of the parliamentarians was both restrained and civilized. Reporters had a remarkable opportunity to witness the new approach through a large window overlooking the conference room. Loudspeakers relayed the discussions.

The meeting began on a positive note, with both sides expressing a desire to reduce the tensions. Mr Park raised the prospect of exchanging trade missions and visits by politicians, artists and athletes to "terminate the mutual distrust and confrontation which has characterized our relationship". The spirit of fraternity extended to adjacent rooms, where officials and journalists from both sides mingled freely.

Perceptible thaw within sight of the armed guards

Lieutenant-Colonel Yun Ki Eun, of the (North) Korean People's Army, presented a moderate view in a conversation with *The Times*.

He said: "Realistically, we must accept that the North and South have different political and social systems, and if one tries to impose its will on the other it can easily lead to war. That's why we think we should aim for a Swiss-style federal system."

His fellow officer, Colonel Lee Chan Bok, agreed: "We have to take out the daggers hidden in our bosoms and shake hands."

The consensus was that, while nothing substantive was achieved, the resumption of a dialogue was itself encouraging. Perhaps Mr Chon and Mr Park will improve its chances of success today by shaking hands before sitting down.

Death toll in Afghan rocket raid put at 800

Islamabad (AFP) – Between 600 and 800 people died in the rocket attack last week by Afghan rebels on a Soviet-Afghan base in which huge stocks of munitions and fuel exploded, diplomatic sources said here.

The attack at Kelagay led to a fire and explosions and was the most deadly military operation since the Soviet Army intervened in Afghanistan in December 1979, they said.

The attack was reported on Wednesday, when diplomats in Kabul quoting a Soviet source said that almost 1,000 Soviet personnel and their families lived at the base and casualties would be high.

Charges after rail tragedy

Moscow (Reuter) – Criminal charges have been made after a Moscow-bound express train crashed on Tuesday killing 28 people and injuring more than 100.

Tass said that speed limit warnings in the area were not passed on by a foreman.

Terror blasts

Madrid – Terrorist bombs wounded six people in separate bomb attacks at Eibar, near San Sebastian, and near Bilbao.

Police killed

Delhi (AFP) – Sikh militants shot dead two senior police officers in the northern Indian state of Punjab.

More refugees

Geneva (AFP) – The number of Somali and Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia has increased to 540,000 and is still rising, a UN spokesman said here.

Briton dies

Bethune, France (AFP) – James Richardson, aged 39, a Briton imprisoned here for using and dealing in illegal drugs has been found dead in his cell.

Drug sentence

Brisbane (AFP) – A Hong Kong woman aged 33 was jailed for 14 years here for trying to smuggle £4.7 million of heroin into Australia.

Hostage's sister may have misread new Islamic Jihad terms

From Robert Fisk
west Beirut

"I think it is grossly unjust for you to hold Terry Anderson for a ransom that includes what amounts to a complete peace settlement in the entire region and the end of centuries-old hostility." The words were in Arabic, printed in two of Beirut's most respected daily newspapers. But they came from Mrs Peggy Say, the sister of the longest-held American hostage in Lebanon – Terry Anderson, whose haggard, lined face appeared in yet another photograph issued by the Islamic Jihad movement on Thursday.

"In the past three-and-a-half years of Terry's captivity," Mrs Say bravely wrote in an open letter to her brother's kidnappers, "I have tried my very best to pressure my Government to negotiate for Terry's release and the release of the other hostages ... I beg that you deal with this issue in a more merciful manner. There is no reason for you to hold an innocent man who has already suffered three-and-a-half years of an unjust captivity."

What had so angered and frustrated Mrs Say was the threatening yet ambivalent statement that had come from Mr Anderson's kidnappers on Thursday, in which they dropped their specific demand for the release of 17 men imprisoned in Kuwait for bombing the United States and French Embassies there and instead asked for the withdrawal of the Israeli Army from southern Lebanon and the release of Arab prisoners in "foreign" jails, in Israel and in the Khiam Prison controlled by Israel's proxy militia allies in southern Lebanon.

On the face of it, the statement was indeed uncompromising – which was how Mrs Say obviously understood it. She clearly read the words accurately, but she may have misread their message. The specific reference to Khiam suggests that Islamic Jihad are softening the terms of the conditions under which Mr Anderson might be released.

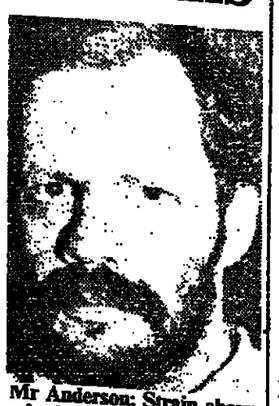
No one – least of all the kidnappers – really believes the Israelis will leave southern Lebanon at present. But the Khiam prisoners have always been de facto "hostages" themselves, and could be freed. The sticking point in the past had always been Kuwait's refusal to free the 17. Now that specific demand has disappeared.

In Beirut, meanwhile, reports of the imminent release from captivity of Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's missing envoy, continue in the local press. The weekly magazine *Ash-Shiraa* claimed yesterday that separate negotiations were being carried out for the release of Western hostages here. The first involved Mr Waite and two other unnamed British hostages – presumably John McCarthy, the television journalist, and Mr Brian Keenan, the Belfast teacher – while the second series of talks were said to concern the fate of the West German and American hostages.

The British were likely to be freed sooner than the Americans, the magazine said.

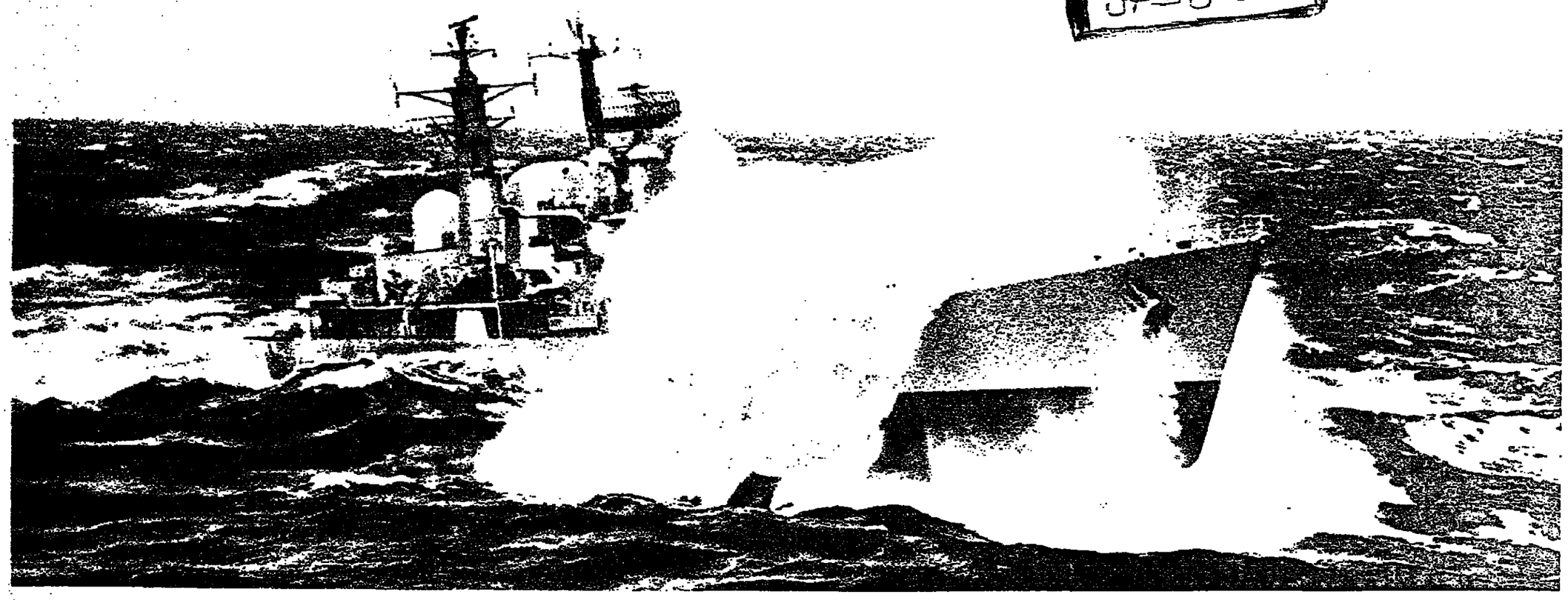
Ash-Shiraa said that freedom for the British was "imminent" but that the release of US hostages "needs more time". The price of freedom for all of them, the magazine concluded, fell into two categories: a large amount of money to be paid to the kidnappers and "economic, military and political conditions set by Iran".

Meanwhile, Syrian troops yesterday defused two car bombs in Beirut. An outbreak of violence had been predicted after Parliament's failure to elect a new President.



Mr Anderson: Strain shows in the latest photograph.

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TIMES DIARY

SIMON BARNES

With summer after summer of remorseless excellence, it has at last come to pass: a member of my own cricket team, the mighty Tewin Irregulars, has finally won international honours. Let us salute Richard Cunningham, who played for us on a single occasion a few seasons back and, in the great Tewin Irregulars tradition, once played against us for the British Council. He has just become a full international cricketer by playing for Czechoslovakia against Poland.

The match took place in Warsaw, and Poland won by five wickets after bowling Czechoslovakia out for 52 (Cunningham 4). But then the Czech star player, an American, was refused a visa: ah, sport is a cruel *business when you reach international* level.

The Czech side comprised mainly embassy Brits and Indians, and they play most of their non-international games on a very dodgy wicket *in the middle of a rugby field.* Already there are plans next year for a Warsaw Pact Cricket tournament. All who have played for the mighty Irregulars will be cheering Czechoslovakia on.

Meanwhile, I bring you more hot news from the Dali-esque world of under-11 cricket. Chris Johnstone, who manages Hampstead Cricket Club's *under-11s, reports his side's defeat of Mill* Hill, who were dismissed for 3. The best bit about this is that it contains the world's most enviable bowling statistics: J. Brough: *0.3 overs, three wickets, no runs. Of course,* a dismissal for a towering three runs is nothing compared to the ultimate dismissal for nought, as reported a couple of weeks ago, when I wrote about a match some years back between Mowden School 2nd XI and Cottesmore. Roger Washbourn writes to say: "I was a member of that Mowden team. Little did we know we were making history. I believe we did have the chance to score a leg-bye, but the non-striker was too petrified to run. I don't suppose it's feasible to stage a re-match?" Who can say? If there are any other survivors from that strange occasion who find the idea intriguing, I will be happy to put them in touch with Mr Washbourn.

I always feel *a little guilty laughing at the* Colemanballs section of *Private Eye.* I mean, print is so much safer: broadcasting is a medium that makes the risible gaffe inevitable. But as the fourth *Colemanballs* book leaps forth, I find myself full of malicious laughter once again. "Zola Budd is so small, so waif-like, you literally can't see her. But there she is." Or to quote Samantha Fox: "I've got ten pairs of training shoes, one for every day of the week". *Or again:* "The film is like *King Lear* re-written by the author of *Henry V.*" The book even has a league table for the top contributers: David Coleman 59, Murray Walker 43, Simon Bates and Ted Lowe 28 each, and Ron Pickering 25.

The popular image of the reporter is not one of finely tuned athleticism and Spartan abstemiousness. But all the same, the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee has asked 30 Seoul-based foreign correspondents to take part in the relay that will bring the Olympic torch to South Korea. Each will be required to complete a kilometre, in the not unduly taxing time of six minutes. It is thought to be the first time



journalists have been asked to help relay the torch. "The essential thing in life is not conquering, but fighting well", as Baron de Coubertin said.

● **Every big sporting event requires a story about an enormous athlete who can't sleep in the standard bed provided for him. But not the Olympics: the Seoul committee have acquired several thousand footstool-like bed extensions to make the Olympic giants rest easy.**

Netball hooliganism is not yet one of this nation's major sporting problems. Africa, however, is reeling under the shock of the ghastly behaviour of the netball team Bora, from Dar es Salaam. Bora have been suspended indefinitely from the seven-nation East, Central and Southern African Netball Confederation after "gross indiscipline" at a tournament in Zanzibar in June. The team committed a string of offences, including the use of abusive language, pouring water on the new champions, Posta of Kenya, refusing gifts from the Kenyans and trying to beat up the Malawian referee. The suspension comes less than a week after the Tanzanian Netball Association banned Bora for five years for similarly appalling behaviour after they had lost their national title to National Youth Service of Mbweni. Netball is a tough, tough business.

Where are they now? Aberdare, Ashington, Bootle, Glossop, Nelson . . . yes, the clubs booted out of the Football League. The answer lies in a book called *Rejected FC*, the first volume of which has just been published, to be followed by a second and final volume in the spring. *Surely no certifiably insane* football nut can be without it: the publisher is Dave Twydell of 12, The Furrows, Harefield, Middlesex, UB9 6AT.

The author has also given the world *Defunct FC*, which traces the history of five non-league clubs that are no longer with us. I rather suspect that Mr Twydell is a remarkable man.

Dudley Fishburn points the way to a safer, profitable carnival

Notting Hill Incorporated

The confusion surrounding the Notting Hill Carnival, the annual August bank holiday event, shows the dramatic change in race relations in Britain over the *last decade. It is a change very* much for the better.

The old arguments voiced for years after the first Notting Hill race riot of *1958* (Britain's first) were all dressed up in the rhetoric of black versus white. The whites, in the shape of the police, were trying to put down a natural West Indian festivity: control of the carnival was, so the clichés went, inevitably racist. That has all changed.

Today's rows, as befits Mrs Thatcher's Britain, are about the competence and the efficiency of the carnival organization. The damning evidence about the safety and the structure of the carnival has come not from the "white" police but from that business-like firm of accountants, Coopers & Lybrand. Their recent report shows inadequacies in the carnival's management. No racism here, but more telling allegations of incompetence.

Since its small beginnings in 1959 the Notting Hill Carnival has grown into Europe's largest street event, attracting up to 1.5 million people over its three days of festivities. It is a focal point for Britain's black community, while being truly multi-racial in the very best (i.e., least bossy or do-gooding) sense. It has strong links with the Catholic faith and, therefore, London's large Spanish, Portuguese and Filipino communities.

Yet the organization behind the event is woefully inadequate and the opportunity that it presents to inject wealth and life into North Kensington, one of London's least advantaged pockets, is being lost. If the 1.5 million visitors could be relieved of just £2 a head (and imagine what Brighton or Blackpool would lure away from anyone attending such a festivity) it would create a £3 million opportunity — for black employment, for better and safer organization, for North Kensington pride.

The wealth-creating opportunities of the carnival are spurned both by those who say "ban it" and those who, through incompetence or prejudice, fail to develop it professionally. The would-be banners are wrong for two reasons: first, it is a cul-de-sac, killjoy argument: once stated, no further contribution can be made. Second, events of this kind cam be "banned" by one person only: the Home Secretary on the advice of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. Even such a ban would probably be untenable on legal grounds, and would certainly be of little help in stopping a spontaneous carnival.

No more constructive is the attitude of those organizers who have failed even to register the carnival as a charity (nothing more damning than this) and will not appoint a full-time chief executive and professional black team. The organizers now find themselves in the position, only days before the carnival begins, of being unable to fulfil sensible obligations given to the police months ago.

The West Indian community feels deceived. The participants, who practise throughout the year, are angry. They know that a smooth-running, black-led, money-spinning and safe event is a practical possibility.

All the publicity about the carnival in the past weeks has been about possible crime and disorder, when it should have been about the best bands, the biggest contracts, and the rival bidding of television companies to cover the event. Take a lesson from Band Aid or the Nelson Mandela concert — and from the spirit of entrepreneurialism so alive in much of London's black community.

Every year thousands of British blacks are graduating from secondary schools, polytechnics and universities to find good jobs. Their traditions are, quite understandably, partly West Indian and wholly British (a mix that is doubly to be celebrated). When they look at the Notting Hill Carnival they look for both traditions: colourful revelry and efficient organization. Because the latter is not there, the former is in jeopardy: the carnival is unsafe, and understandably resented by those many people whose homes lie along the route.

The remedy lies not with the Race Relations Board or the police. It lies in recognizing the generation change as West Indian immigrants become British blacks. London's many articulate middle-class blacks are calling for a carnival that works and for an organization which (like the Edinburgh Festival and the Lord Mayor's Show) has a year-round professional management. Such a management could then make the necessary arrangements with the police, Kensington council, local residents and the carnival's many friends, and make them stick.

More importantly, perhaps, it would reflect the interests of the emerging, unsung, majority in Britain's black community for whom the issues of the economy, education and street safety are more important than the sterile arguments about race and immigration. This black middle class is still far too small, still lags woefully behind its white equivalent in most statistics, still needs all the help this government can give it, but it is there, and growing, and, at Notting Hill, making its voice heard.

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Conor Cruise O'Brien

Trouble of Bush's making

New Orleans

On Tuesday George Bush took his first major decision as the new Republican leader. By Wednesday it was beginning to look like a bad decision. It still does.

The decision was the nomination of Danny Quayle as his vice-presidential running mate. From the moment of his first encounter with the media on Wednesday, Quayle was in trouble. Although the trouble was entirely predictable, neither Bush nor Quayle appears to have foreseen it.

Quayle was asked why he had chosen to do his national service in Indiana in the National Guard — the equivalent of Britain's Territorial Army — while the Vietnam war was on. Why didn't he go to Vietnam? Quayle called these questions "a cheap shot" and failed to answer.

Republicans, naturally, have been trying to shrug off the Quayle-and-Vietnam issue, but it mushroomed and was dominating media discussion of the election on what should have been the triumphant last day of the Republican campaign.

The issue is acutely embarrassing to the Republicans because of the super-patriotic rhetoric and flag-waving which has prevailed throughout the Republican convention. For the party of the super-patriots, Quayle looks a rather unconvincing standard-bearer.

The Quayle case reminds the electorate of a feature of the Vietnam war which it is not in the interests of the Republican Party to have recalled: the fact that many children of rich and well-connected families were *able to avoid going to Vietnam* by enrolling in the National Guard. As a result, most of the men who actually fought the war were the less affluent, with a high proportion of blacks.

Many of the people whose rhetoric fuelled the war were able to avoid its consequences for their own children. And many Americans are annoyed all over *again through the Republican* party's choice of its vice-presidential candidate.

What some media commentators have been calling "the Quayle scandal" raises damaging questions about the competence and judgement of the presidential candidate who chose this running-mate. On Thursday night both Bush and Quayle avoided the topic that was the centre of discussion in the media and among the general public.

Both made skilful, strongly delivered, Republican speeches which were received with ritual demonstrations of enthusiasm in the New Orleans Superdome. But the topic that was avoided will not go away. The delegates dutifully cheered and waved their banners, but when they were not busy waving and cheering, many of them looked a *bit sick.*

Republicans appear to be divided between those who wish Quayle would retire from the ticket, those who feel the party is stuck with him and had better make the best of it, and those who don't know but feel there are questions to be answered. The last group is probably the majority. And of course it is the feeling about questions to be answered that will keep the issue alive in the media and among the public.

Outside the Republican fold I don't think there are many people who are in much doubt *about what happened. People of* the relevant generation don't have to have it explained to them what it meant to get into the National Guard, instead of having to go to Vietnam, 19 years ago. And the then managing editor of the *Indianapolis Star* — the Quayle family newspaper — has acknowledged that he pulled every string he could to get young Quayle into the National Guard.

The most piercing observation I have heard on the political significance of the *Quayle factor* was made on television on Thursday night by Patrick Buchanan, President Reagan's former communications director and, consequently, no Republican-basher.

Buchanan talked about the "Reagan Democrats" — the people whose defection from the Bush ticket in November would *put Michael Dukakis in the* White House. As Buchanan put it, without any moralizing, many such people — lower middle-class and working-class — would have liked to do for their boy just what the Quayle family apparently was able to do for their Danny.



They too would have liked to get their boy into the National Guard, and save him from Vietnam. But they simply didn't have the necessary social, political and financial influence that *families like the Quayles do* have. So those boys had to go to Vietnam. And, as Buchanan put it, many of them "came back in body-bags".

One survivor, who was interviewed on television on Thursday night, lost both his legs in Vietnam. He spoke with dignity and restraint. But he isn't about to vote for the Republican ticket.

Americans are little inclined to class resentment; less so than many Britons are. America is the land of opportunity; words are *not just empty rhetoric. People* don't dislike other people just because they are rich.

As it happens, all four candidates in this year's presidential contest are rich men. That in itself is not resented. But if some of the rich are seen to be assuming blatantly that their wealth gives them a privileged position, especially in matters of life and death, that is another matter.

If the Republicans had deliberately chosen to get across to the less affluent the message that they are the party of old inherent privilege, they could not have got that message across more effectively than by the choice first of Bush and now, especially, of Danny Quayle.

Quayle has said he regarded the Vietnam war as "a holy cause" and that he "loves and admires those who fought in it".

The relatives of those who actually did go to Vietnam because they didn't have the *means to avoid going there* are unlikely to be impressed.

The Quayle issue continued to get saturation coverage in Friday morning's press. A typical headline is that of the New Orleans *Times-Picayune* — "Quayle flap tarnishes GOP big night".

Quayle has promised to give the awaited answers to media questions when he campaigns with Bush this weekend. That will keep the issue going strong into next week. Probably the worst aspect of the affair, from a Republican point of view, is that it gives rise to jokes, and that the jokes are likely to cling to the ticket.

Commentators are wondering how George Bush could possibly have failed to see the consequences of his choice, in terms of media and popular reaction. But now that he has emerged from the shadow of Ronald Reagan, Bush gives *the impression of not* being capable of conceiving what people might be thinking outside the restricted circles in which he *habitually* moves.

Ronald Reagan instinctively reached out to those "Reagan Democrats" and won with their support. Bush and other Republicans who take their cue from him acted throughout the *convention as if the Republican* constituency, by itself, is sufficient to secure victory for the Republican ticket. That could be a dangerous state of mind.

Now the campaign is moving into its final phase, Bush's advisers will no doubt be reminding him of the need to get through to those "Reagan Democrats", but such an effort might lead to more mistakes.

The harder Bush tries, when he talks to ethnic minority voters on the campaign trail, the more patronizing and the more inept he sounds. And the running mate he has chosen will be of absolutely no help to him in the places where he most needs help.

I thought that Michael Dukakis sounded pretty confident on Thursday while campaigning in Miami. He didn't mention Quayle and Vietnam. He doesn't have to.

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Commentary • PETER BRIMELOW

This other America

Sedona, Arizona

The place to be for smart journalists this week was of course New Orleans, where a great horde were entertaining one another at their employers' *expense,* and a considerably smaller number of Republicans were nominating George Bush. Meanwhile, below stairs and in *places very far from New Or*leans, those of us in financial journalism were continuing our humble rounds and common tasks. We console ourselves that we get the better insight into America.

Either in quest of the arcane fauna that constitute my professional prey or because some group has asked to hear my English-accented views, I find myself making frequent forays out of Manhattan and deep into the great American heartland. It's a salutary reminder that, although New York is the financial and communications centre of America, it is profoundly atypical. As Chicago novelist Saul Bellow has put it, New York is the capital of a country that does not exist.

You remember, for example, how extraordinarily vast America west of Manhattan actually is. This week it took me four *hours to fly to Phoenix, Arizona,* and another three to drive up to the mountain resort of Sedona. There are about 100 cities in America with around half a million people, the size of Liverpool or Bristol. Many, unlike the asteroid belt of urban Britain, are proud independent planets, far from their nearest rivals and each with its own hinterland where the archetypal drama of metropolitans versus provincials is endlessly replayed. Quite a few have direct international air links — the flight to London was leaving as I arrived in Phoenix — and New York and Washington are just irritating abstractions.

It's common to say that the 20th century has homogenized all cities. It is certainly true that travelling in America, from reservation to rental car, is a fluent universal language. But the distinctions are really just more subtle. After all, our troglodytic ancestors probably thought thatched huts lacked the uniqueness of a nice customized cave. Public conveniences are alike in principle, but they notoriously differ between America, Britain and France. In American airports, close examination of the bookstores reveals several small presses devoted to the celebration of the ineffable local character in areas you thought were just blanks on the map.

My rental car experience illustrates the predictability and peculiarities of *modernity.* Invariably, I'm informed at the counter that, despite booking ahead, I will have to take a huge *gas-guzzling boat. If my wife is* standing demurely by my side, she flies at the rental agent like an unhooded falcon and after a savage flurry of wings and talons we get an elegant sports model or some other concession. If I'm alone, I accept the boat with a deferential British murmur.

But then, although all automobiles also are alike in principle, there's always some gadget that cannot be decoded. This time, neither I nor the Avis attendants could adjust the back *of the driving seat. I sailed off* into the perfumed desert evening in the recumbent posture of a guest at a Roman feast.

At this point, it is obvious why Americans have always preferred big cars. The roads were magnificent, but I was dwarfed by the scenery and the great starry sky. If you feel you're on an ocean, it's comforting to be in a ship.

I reached Sedona in the dark. Next morning I emerged blinking from my motel room into the brilliant sunlight to find at least one parallel to Manhattan: nature's skyscrapers — the red sandstone buttes soaring vertically up for hundreds of feet on every side.

My host, an energetic septuagenarian called Robert B. Eggert, is an example of a once-common American type: a farm boy who grew up milking the cows before school and ultimately reached the top of corporate America — in Eggert's case, as an economist for Ford and RCA. Twelve years ago he and his wife uprooted *themselves,* as so many Americans do when they retire, and moved across the continent to this idyllic but totally new community.

In retirement Eggert invented a better mousetrap — one made possible by America's superb communications and the personal computer. He publishes *Blue Chip Economic Indicators,* a newsletter that reports the forecasts of economists around the country and calculates a consensus estimate. Over the *years, in a process rather similar* to the determination of odds at the race track by punter sentiment, this consensus has displayed *significant accuracy,* attracting national and international attention both for its own sake and as a measure of the American mood.

The *Blue Chip* consensus currently is that the US gross national product will grow by a strong 3.8 per cent in 1988 and 2.3 per cent in 1989. Eggert personally doesn't expect a recession to begin until the end of 1989, and he says it will be short.

We broke after a day-long interview. I piloted my boat up the nearby Oak Creek Canyon to the edge of the plateau and gazed out at the vast view.

There are perceptions beyond politics. An adviser to Yasuhiro Nakasone, the former Japanese prime minister, put it well recently, arguing that the gap between his country and America will begin widening again as the latter's natural advantages, its resourcefulness and the suppleness of its society reassert themselves.

"The twentieth century was *the American century,*" he said. "The twenty-first century will be the American century."

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AUGUST 20 ON THIS DAY 1931

This was Paul Bauer's second unsuccessful assault on the third highest mountain (28,169ft); the first was in 1929. It remained unconquered until 1955 when a British expedition stopped a few yards from the summit in deference to the religious beliefs of the Sikkimese.

KANCHENJUNGA
CLIMBERS' FALL IN COULOIR

By Herr Paul Bauer

Kanchenjunga Base Camp, *via* Gangtok, Aug 14.

Our Kanchenjunga expedition has been struck by a terrible disaster. On the 9th the larger party was on its way to pitch Camp VIII. At 2pm, it had attained the place where two years ago a temporary camp, called Little Camp, had been established on a ridge both sides of which fall with terrific steepness. This year the route for 120 feet was along the flank and then for a rope's length through an ice couloir. After that one stood on a wide rib leading in a few minutes rather easily to the terrace of Camp VIII. Hartmann and Wein passed the spot, which was by no means too difficult for skilled mountaineers.

Schaller was just about to ascend the steep couloir. I watched him from near by, as my rope team — Pircher and myself and a porter — were to follow at once. Quietly and surely Schaller cleared the steps formerly cut. Pasang, the second man on his rope, elderly and reliable, followed him at a few metres distance, and the third man, *Tsain Nanboo, stood on a* rock boulder at the beginning of the couloir and managed the rope. Suddenly Pasang's body shot downwards, followed immediately by Schaller, who in a high curve shot over him through the air. Snow filled the couloir. For a fraction of a second I hoped the rope might break the fall, though at once I was aware that no rope could stop this double fall. The bodies flew down the terrific, steep couloir.

The porter on my rope team screamed with horror, and looked like throwing himself down the abyss. We all felt uncanny and wished to follow them. Dulled with terror, we realized the extent of the disaster. With the rope we fixed our porter to a rock and relieved the third man of Schaller's party . . .

We then proceeded to Camp VIII, where we called Hartmann and Wein back, and the whole party descended to search for our poor friends. Six in all, we passed the night on an ice ledge a metre wide on the range of the couloir. During the next day most of us gathered in the highest basin of the Zemu glacier, and early on the morning of the 11th we found the bodies of both Schaller and Pasang at the base of the couloir. It was evident that they had been killed at once. The couloir breaks sheer for several hundred metres. During the following few days we brought the dead down through the soft snow, to an island of rock emerging from a sea of ice surrounded by an incomparable mountain amphitheatre.

There we buried them today. *We did not try to hide our tears,* and with all our forces we strove to build a tomb worthy of the men who gave their lives for a great cause.

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PERIL AND POSSIBILITY

Some anniversaries are celebrated openly and in joy; some in fearful stealth; a few in a spirit of determination to think and change. Among those few should be the 20th anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, and the lessons which it brings must be for West as well as East if a better Europe is to be assured for birthdays to come.

Mr Gorbachov knows that one of the biggest threats to him is an opportunistic insurgence immediately behind the iron curtain. Suppression would cost him his reform movement and the Western money to pay for it; non-suppression would cause a chain reaction and cost his empire.

For Western leaders neither scenario is ideal. Another Soviet invasion like that of Czechoslovakia would ruin the domestic reforms which alone have some prospect of turning the USSR into a civilized world neighbour. It would also be a mere postponement. The long-suppressed irredentists and nationalists of Eastern Europe would be only more likely, when they did shake off the Soviet yoke, to do so more violently and with a greater threat to the peace of nations.

If, on the other hand, as many in the West would wish, an Eastern European uprising were allowed by Mr Gorbachov and repeated elsewhere, the current impoverished state of those satellites would make the pre-1914 Balkans seem a haven of stability. It would be bloody chaos as states without nationhood and nations without states battled over the plains. With weakened traditional religion, no new supra-national ideal such as that of European unity, insufficient faith and knowledge in the working of market economics, there would be little hope.

So both sides should have an interest in ensuring that the satellites do not go as far as to attract the invading forces of the USSR. But imaginative moves have to be considered now if this is to be achieved. These may include future new European security arrangements, Marshall Aid plans of various sorts to pay for the decolonization of the European sections of the Soviet empire. There will be prices to pay, of which the most important, eternal vigilance, is only one. But the price of not paying could be much higher.

The reform of communism in Czechoslovakia 20 years ago was the first attempt by a ruling communist party to pit a fully re-thought model of communism against the paleo-communism of Moscow. It was, as the reformers saw it, an attempt to rescue Marx's thought from the fanaticism of Lenin and the relics of deposed Russian autocracy. Their purpose was to create a freer, more humane, more prosperous, more dignified, and a fully European "socialism" with a clear relevance, as Marx had intended, to the needs and culture of advanced Western societies.

Surprisingly for communists who had seen the inside of Stalin's prisons, the reformers thought they were acting in the interests of Moscow, too. Surely the Soviet comrades would recognize that the Stalinist way violated the humanitarian essence of Marxism and there was a need for new beginnings.

But the Kremlin under Leonid Brezhnev was not accessible to exalted considerations of that kind. It declared Prague to be a cancer inside communism, and excised it as Khrushchev had excised Hungary 12 years earlier. Even the prospect of a reformed Soviet communism had to wait until the arrival of Mikhail Gorbachov.

It would now be clearly in the spirit of the Gorbachov Reformation, and in the interests of the reforming Soviet State, to allow the East and central European client states to go their own ways within or outside the framework of "socialism". The message underlying the Hungarian reform movement demands no less. So does civil society in Poland.

Gorbachov's repudiation of the Brezhnev doctrine is ambiguous. But if Eastern Europe could, by skill and luck, be turned into a series of independent states like Austria, the area would be greatly more reliable than with its present assembly of recalcitrant allies. It would also offer the world a memorable example of Soviet self-confidence and persuasive evidence that communist expansionism had come to an end.

If Mr Gorbachov wishes to turn his thoughts in that direction he should not, however, wait for fresh unrest to raise its head on the Danube or the Vistula. Peaceful Soviet disengagement while popular good will in Eastern Europe lasts would be the wisest way out as well as an act of remarkable statesmanship.

The Soviet leadership has begun to think and act afresh in Afghanistan, Cambodia and Angola. The withdrawal of troops and influence in other parts of the empire should follow, leaving Nato with the far from easy task of working out its best response.

The West was unprepared and inactive 20 years ago. Now that Moscow itself is in the throes of reform and wants our help the need for new thinking on Eastern Europe is much clearer. Imaginative consideration of the possibilities and perils should not be postponed beyond this anniversary year.

ANOTHER 'BUT' FOR BUSH

Envy the politician whose problems fall from his back like the proverbial water off a duck. Pity the one to whom the jokes stick. Mr George Bush began the week — in his opponents' words — as the man born with a silver foot in his mouth. He ended it as the man who may have shot himself in it.

It should have been a week of personal triumph. His choice for his own vice-presidential office now threatens him with disaster. And, as he reflects on the Republican Convention in New Orleans, there is no one to blame but himself.

Mr Bush made a good acceptance speech on Thursday. Never likely to inflame political passions with his rhetoric, he was wise not to try to do so. He properly defended his record as the junior partner in a winning team. And the polls showed a good, if necessary and predictable, result. From being 10 and at one time 17 points behind his Democratic opponent, Mr Michael Dukakis, Mr Bush has fought himself back to level-pegging.

But the ripples from the announcement as his vice-presidential running mate of a political unknown with a pedigree as flawed as Senator Quayle's may change that position fast. It was easy to see why Mr Bush plumped for the conservative, handsome, vigorous and rich young man. He brought the youth and glamour which Mr Bush's advisers tell him he so conspicuously lacks. But that charm faded as reporters sifted his early life.

Some of that sifting may be motivated, as indignant Republicans insist, by political antagonism. But most of it takes place simply because reporters do their job.

Mr Bush, more than anyone, appreciates the importance of the *curriculum vitae*. He chose his junior partner on his own. He did so after weeks of careful thought. For him not to have realised the significance of Mr Quayle's service in the National Guard suggests a lack of judgement of popular interest.

Large numbers of young Americans tried to join the Guard in the 1960s as an alternative to being drafted to Vietnam. Indeed, so many tried that one needed personal influence to do so — or, just as important for this case, it was commonly thought that one did.

It is not necessary to take a strong view over the substance of Senator Quayle's military service. He has himself admitted seeking help from a family friend to win acceptance. It can be argued that all he did was what countless others of his generation were trying to do.

But there is still much ill-feeling about "draft-dodging" in the United States. For a vice-presidential candidate to be suspected of it is bad. For one who has place so much emphasis on defence it is worse. For the issue to be apparently considered of so little account by Mr Bush is worse still.

Mr Quayle has, moreover, handled the affair badly. His attempt to brush questions aside, to accuse his tormentors of aiming "a cheap shot" at him, betrays a dangerous lack of experience and instinct. The least that Mr Bush needs of him is presentational skills. The least that the American people need of him is honesty.

This affair is of more than media interest to Western Europe. A victory for Mr Bush on November 8 would be in general Nato and European interests. It promises continuity. Mr Bush, by background and instinct, is an Atlanticist who is personally and politically familiar to Western leaders.

What does the new Bush-Quayle team do next? For Mr Bush to drop his new partner at the first sign of trouble would look like disloyalty and cowardice. It would risk weakening his position even further. The only possible course for Senator Quayle must be to confront his critics with total candour — even with regret. That way he might ride out the storm — and even win points for openness on the way.

As much as his would-be vice-president, Mr Bush is on trial. At the beginning of this week we pointed out the long list of "buts" beside "George Bush for president". There is now another to be erased before November.

TIME, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

Next week the "forbidden afternoon", as the Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, calls it, will be forbidden no more. Some 70 years after afternoon drinking was restricted in order to relieve a crisis in First World War armaments production, the lunchtime cry of "Last orders!" will no longer be coordinated throughout the land (except on a Sunday).

There are a number of good reasons for the change in the law — the ready availability of alcoholic drink from other retail sources, the un-catastrophic relaxation of licensing hours in Scotland, and tourist experience of Continental drinking patterns. We expect a number of good consequences, too.

There has long been an endearing streak of vanity in the way that publicans represent themselves as nature's entrepreneurs whose inventive genius is held back only by the spurious rigidities of law, licensing bench, and brewery. Struggling within such constraints, these poor men and women do their best to create "their local" by their own idiosyncratic ratio of stools to bottoms, carefully controlled sauciness of bar-persons, and the special way in which they present the beer-drinker with the dilemma of the jug or straight-sided glass.

Their true business skills may now be properly put to the test. Events may soon confirm that the midday atmosphere of a public house owes rather more to the imposed pattern of closing and opening times than to the personality of the "host". The weekday lunchtime trade has a definite character to it. Afternoon custom will be different, and will challenge the creativity of licensees to fight for their share of it.

The reform should encourage diversity, experiment, and an expansion of facilities. Some of the traditional demarcations by which the licensing trade is set off from the rest of the eating and refreshment industry may, with luck, be swept away. Those wanting a cup of tea in the middle of the afternoon may even be able to share a table with companions who would prefer a beer — perhaps even a properly served and marketed low-alcohol beer.

The complaint has been heard that the ending of the compulsory closing time between 3 and 5.30 p.m. will increase insobriety. In Scotland this was shown to be a false assumption. Individuals, as before, will do better for themselves and their fellows if they act responsibly. The fact that a market is liberalized does not mean that personal behaviour need be — a point the Home Secretary may need to repeat from time to time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rights and duties in 'workfare'

From Mr Peter Ashby

Sir, Raymond Plant is right to say (Commentary, August 16) that the debate about "workfare" is primarily about citizenship, and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

It is a shame, then, that he sets his article almost entirely in the context of the writings of two American theorists, Charles Murray and Lawrence Mead. Mead is cited as the main advocate of income being conditional on work status, and it is the Mead view that seems to emerge as the favoured approach.

If the debate *is* about citizenship in Britain, should we not go back to William Beveridge who, all said and done, laid the basis for the *income-maintenance system* we have today? The principle of conditionality was at the heart of the Beveridge post-war settlement. Indeed, when the Prime Minister says that citizens have a responsibility to work she is not importing so-called new thinking from the United States; she is simply reaffirming one of the central tenets of the Beveridge system.

The moral dilemma we face is, of course, that millions of our fellow citizens are unable to exercise their responsibility to work through no fault of their own. This raises the question of what the reciprocal responsibilities of society should be, and it is this question that has so far largely been ducked in Britain.

For if one accepts the Beveridge principle of "income through work", as do Mrs Thatcher in Britain and Messrs Murray and Mead in the United States, and the labour market fails to generate that work by its own devices, one surely has an even greater moral responsibility than do those advocates of unconditional citizen rights (such as Professor Ralf Dahrendorf) to create at least temporary work opportunities until such time as the labour market can again deliver full employment.

The urgent need now is for a proper debate about developing some sort of long-term safety net of temporary work for the unemployed in Britain, as part of a "new Beveridge settlement" setting out the responsibilities both of the individual citizen and the State.

Yours faithfully,
PETER ASHBY,
St George's House,
Windsor Castle,
Windsor, Berkshire.
August 17.

From Mr John Nash

Sir, Raymond Plant's commentary on the fairness of "workfare" put up a number of arguments based on the assumption that "dependency deepens the condition it tries to cure".

I have spent the last 10 years sliding down the slippery slope from respected citizen (high salary/four-bedroom house with pool and orchard/three cars) to UB No 7607/72240 (unemployed/rebated council house/no car).

Does a development grant kill a company's desire to expand? Does an on-going CAP support kill the farmer's incentive to produce? Why should benefit payments kill the desire to work and earn a salary?

Benefit payments are *not* easily come by. To enjoy them, one has to sacrifice all pride, privacy and freedom.

Benefit cuts would increase misery. Coaxing the unemployed, by carrot or by stick, on to sanitised public or private "chain gangs" would bring dignity to nobody.

The enterprise allowance scheme is a great help. Its score-card may not be entirely successful, but how do you score the immense hope it brings people? The job clubs help a lot, too. Real training would be a real winner.

Of course benefit payments are an entitlement in a civilised society. They keep you away from the end of the pier at Christmas and birthday times, just when the water begins to look peaceful and inviting, and I am grateful for mine. They must remain an entitlement. Always.

I believe in capitalism, although I have slipped through a crack in its floorboards. Will somebody tell Professor Plant that not all of us fit into his neatly compartmented socio-economic, tabbed and indexed, demographically-sorted world. We are individuals, trying to get back on the bus. Some of us have hope, many of us have dignity, and we all have skills to offer. It's just that nobody wants to buy them.

Yours truly,
JOHN NASH,
52 Kernick Way,
Hayle, Cornwall.

Poor relations

From Mr Louis Heren

Sir, The survey of the quality of life in Britain (report, August 17) fills me with hope. Can Londoners now expect the citizens of Bradford, Sheffield, Sunderland and other northern cities enjoying a superior quality of life to stop whingeing about the North-South divide?

Yours etc,
LOUIS HEREN,
Fleet House,
Vale of Health,
Hampstead, NW3.
August 17.

Reform of archives

From Mr Bruce Jackson

Sir, I am sure both custodians and users of archives will welcome the Lord Chancellor's call (report, early editions, August 9) for a "new, effective system for co-ordinating the nation's archives".

At present there is no mechanism for such a step to be achieved, and many obstacles have to be overcome before such a mechanism can be created. Crucially, ministerial responsibility for archives is fragmented.

Further problems are created by the permissive nature of the legislation under which local authorities operate their archive services and this lack of statutory provision allows several areas of England to be left bereft of any archive service whatsoever.

As Lord Mackay said, this country has the richest collection of records in the world, but unless steps are taken to ensure their survival and accessibility, this means nothing. The formation of the National Council for Archives earlier this year represents an attempt by professional archivists and record users to improve the situation.

What is needed now is Government willingness to create a national record service or co-ordinated structure and to provide the necessary resources to make it work.

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE JACKSON (Chief Archivist, Tyne and Wear),
Wheldon House, Front Street,
Ebchester, Co Durham.
August 13.

Central medical care

From Dr J. F. Rose

Sir, It was encouraging to see some reference to the respective roles of district and community hospitals in the letters of Ray Whitney, MP, and Mr D. L. Crosby (August 16). A debate as to what categories of patients actually benefit from the "high tech" district hospital is long overdue.

There is likely to be broad agreement on the desirability of centralising surgical, perinatal, and intensive-care facilities and expertise. The management of non-surgical or medical patients is more contentious.

One view is that these cases are difficult to categorise and liable to complications and therefore best served by the district hospital. Alternatively many, or even most, of these patients may be considered by their family doctors to have *illnesses* unlikely to be influenced by the expensive infrastructure of a district hospital.

Most patients, unable to be cared for at home, are now admitted to hospitals at a cost of about £100 per day. Whether this practice should be encouraged or alternatives considered is a question that is at least worth asking.

Yours faithfully,
J. F. ROSE,
Beechfield, The Terrace,
Boston Spa,
Wetherby, West Yorkshire.
August 17.

Glyndeborne grouse

From Mr R. D. Anchor

Sir, As one who first went to Glyndeborne in 1956, I entirely agree with Mrs Yardley's letter (August 15) in which she refers to people who fall asleep.

Perhaps the answer is to issue special "corporate" tickets which entitle the holder to walk round the gardens and enter one of several hospitality tents which could be set up near to the car park. In the tents, conviviality would reign and a video monitor would relay the proceedings from the opera house. (The sound could be turned down).

Opera-goers could then occupy the seats in the theatre and eat their sandwiches as usual during the interval. For corporate ticket-holders, it would be just like a race meeting!

Yours faithfully,
R. D. ANCHOR,
Lombardy House,
Bittell Farm Road,
Barnt Green,
Birmingham, West Midlands.
August 17.

Safety at sea

From Dr Basil Greenhill

Sir, Sir Bryan Thwaites (August 13) calls us to go back to basics in our assessment of local weather conditions at sea. In *Westcountry Coasting Ketches* (1974) the late Captain W. J. Slade wrote of the masters of sailing vessels from Appledore in north Devon in the early years of this century:

> To me it was uncanny how these old men could foretell weather conditions . . . They could judge to a nicety whether it was going to be fine for a day or two by all sorts of phenomena, such as the actions of sea birds, the look of the sky, the actions of animals and even flies. Three frosty mornings in succession,

they used to say, meant southerly wind. They had no official weather forecast, but most of them studied the weather glass and if the glass was falling they took no notice as long as the stars were steady . . . I was once on a voyage from Lydney to an Irish port and cobwebs were hanging about. I said, "It's a sure sign of southerly wind and dirty rain." My father said, "You will have a fair wind. These are easterly wind cobwebs". How the blazes he knew the difference between southerly cobwebs and easterly cobwebs I never understood, but he was right.

Yours sincerely,
BASIL GREENHILL,
West Boetheric Farmhouse,
St Dominic,
Saltash, Cornwall.
August 14.

Worse off under benefit changes

From Mr Stephen C. G. Wood

Sir, I am a tetraplegic (paralysed from the neck down) married man who has suffered great financial hardship as a consequence of the social security review. Because my entitlement to income support in May was to be some £17 per week less than my original supplementary benefit I was awarded transitional protection of £17.

A letter dated January 19 to my then MP, Mr Michael Portillo, stated, on behalf of the minister at the DHSS that

> Although many claimants will be better off under the scheme, benefiting not only financially, but from an improved service which the simplified scheme should bring, a few like Mr Wood will be given transitional protection to ensure that they are not worse off as a result of the changes.

He went on to mention the OPCS (Office of Population Censuses and Surveys) "disabled people's survey" under Sir Roy Griffiths and closed

> I do hope that you will now be in a position to reassure Mr Wood that he will not be any worse off in April as a result of the changes.

In April I was not — but now in August I am. My mortgage interest has gone up by £13 per week but the DHSS will not increase my income to cover the amount, on account of my original entitlement to the £17 cited above, but now referred to as transitional *addition*! Somewhere along the way the idea of *protection* seems to have gone missing.

I am having to sell my adapted car so as to be able to restructure my finances and continue to live in my own home — as opposed to being separated from my wife and being forced into residential care.

Only 39 years old, we continue to live in fear of what the future on social security holds for us.

Yours devastatedly,
STEPHEN WOOD,
3 Shaftesbury Grove,
Birkdale,
Southport, Lancashire.
August 12.

Survey of disabled

From Mr Peter Mitchell

Sir, When the first national survey of disabled people by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys (OPCS) was published in 1971 it revealed that there were at least a million seriously-disabled people unknown to local authorities. The then Conservative Government immediately issued a circular advising councils on how best to conduct their own local surveys.

As Alf Morris reports (article August 2), rumours now abound that the recent OPCS survey has doubled the 1971 figures; yet the minister for the disabled has no intention of encouraging councils to find them and merely states that "it is premature to speculate on the potential use of the OPCS's methodology at local level".

It should be remembered that this survey has been used for four years as an excuse for eschewing any improvements in benefits for people with disabilities, although the Government has not hesitated to chip away at existing entitlements. What the survey is likely to reveal is that the current hotch-potch serves disabled people badly, especially the very old.

A full and open debate on the OPCS data is essential, whether the Government likes it or not. To take one example, at the end of this year ministers may well allow 75-year-olds to retain mobility allowances awarded before the age of 65 on the grounds that the modest cost outweighs the political damage incurred when a benefit is withdrawn. This will bring renewed demands for entitlement to mobility allowance for all pensioners. It is, however, doubtful whether the mobility allowance criteria are the most appropriate for elderly people.

It is thorny questions such as this on which the OPCS report should shed light — that is if the Government does not succeed in hiding it under a bushel.

Yours faithfully,
P. C. B. MITCHELL,
28 Balham Park Road, SW12.

Inter-church relations

From the Reverend Stanley G. Luff

Sir, In Mr Gerard Noel's proposal (August 15) for a reconsideration of Anglican priestly orders by Roman Catholic authority he refers to the "new spirit of certain key passages in Vatican II documents". They are passages which do not lend themselves to brief quotation. The Decree on Ecumenism, however, speaking of the "sacred actions" of separated brethren, insists that they "truly engender a life of grace, and can be rightly described as capable of providing access to the community of salvation".

This is not quite the same as saying that Anglican (for example) "sacraments have a certain validity and pertain to the life of the Church", but it is certainly not asserting the plain opposite. The emphasis of the passage as a whole surely transcends the accepted distinction between validity and efficacy and seems to outdate the simplicity of a "null and void" verdict.

Nevertheless, I fail to see how another Roman Commission on Anglican Orders could be regarded with unconditioned optimism. So many diverse ingredients, political and theological as well as expedient, went into the long evolution of the Church of England, that I do not see how any group of persons, through a process of study and debate, can be relied upon to decide *now* what happened *then*.

There remains Mr Noel's plea for "an entirely new direction" to be pursued in the matter. The only new direction that occurs to me is along the lines of "economy", whereby, after an ecclesiastical rupture, a "healing act" is authorised to ensure sacramental fullness as churches reconcile. This has a more fraternal colour than a "conditional re-ordination".

The Western Church is not familiar with the theology of economy and it may deserve consideration in this context.

Yours faithfully,
STANLEY G. LUFF,
Our Lady's Church,
College View,
Llandovery, Dyfed.

Fear of flying

From Mrs Shirley Preston

Sir, I awaited the report on the "fear of flying" course run by Aviatours (August 16) with expectation that it would highlight the positive results of the many people confronting a very real fear.

I was sadly disappointed and feel it sensationalised the negative side, showing the active fear but not interviewing the people afterwards and hearing of their jubilation at conquering their phobia, and the avowals of so many to undertake longer flights in the near future with confidence.

I went on the course myself last Sunday, with your reporter, and I know that I am delighted with the result, have already booked another flight and feel most indebted to Mr Ord, Mr Hughes and Dr Yaffé for their understanding, encouragement and kindness.

Yours faithfully,
SHIRLEY PRESTON,
Rushfield, Thakeham,
Pulborough, Sussex.
August 16.

Curbing credit

From Dr J. H. Rees

Sir, Increasing the interest rates may reduce the purchasing power of the borrower but it equally increases that of the lender.

If consumerism needs to be restrained would not the imposition of VAT on credit prove a more efficient way of reducing money supply?

Yours faithfully,
HYWEL REES,
15 Northanger Court,
Grove Street,
Bath, Avon.
August 15.

Motorway dangers

From Mr A. P. Lutley

Sir, The horrific accident on the M25 (report, August 18) involving a family of five and previous accidents in the same area in the past make it more necessary than ever for the Department of Transport to act.

Last year my company wrote to the department and put forward a number of safety recommendations, such as the use of video cameras in association with oral police warnings, as well as mobile gantries on motorways to draw attention to hazards such as road works. We received a four-line reply but no further action was taken. My company includes an accident-prevention unit and a specialist driving school.

At the height of the summer season more and more vehicles are pouring on to the M25. The three main causes of road traffic accidents are drink-related, excessive speed, and lack of concentration and consideration.

A fourth cause is lack of motorway driver training. Very few driving schools actually teach pupils how to enter or exit from a motorway-class road and how to drive on such a road, as part of the driver-training course.

Yours truly,
ANDREW P. LUTLEY,
Complete Driver Services,
4 Worcester Park Road,
Worcester Park, Surrey.

From Mrs G. R. Chamberlin

Sir, A breakdown on the hard shoulder of our motorways is a hazardous experience.

In *The Times* today (August 18) "motorists stopped on the hard shoulder are advised to wait a safe distance from the vehicle", but a friend who had occasion to call out the breakdown service was recommended by them to stay in her car with doors locked and windows shut.

On the Continent it is obligatory to carry warning triangles for emergency parking. Could we not reduce the danger of accidents here by having a similar ruling?

Yours faithfully,
ROSEMARY CHAMBERLIN,
Warfords, School Road,
Wrington,
Bristol, Avon.
August 18.

On the run

From Professor Margaret Mackeith

Sir, The sign that ensures that motorists remain on the run in Concord, Massachusetts, stands in manicured lawns in front of a town centre church and states firmly: "Thou shalt not even think of parking here".

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET MACKEITH,
104 Breck Road,
Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire.
August 17.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 19: The Prince Edward, Patron of the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland, this evening attended a Concert given by the Orchestra at the Royal Albert Hall.
Captain William McLean was in attendance.

Princess Margaret celebrates her birthday tomorrow.

Birthdays

TODAY: Sir Martin Berthoud, diplomat, 57; Mr Reginald Bevins, former MP, 80; Mr J.M. Clay, banker, 61; Lieutenant-General Sir John Cowley, 83; Mr John Emburey, cricketer, 36; Mr Anatole Fistoulari, conductor, 81; Mr Rajiv Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, 44; Mr Roy Hay, horticulturist, 78; Dr Helen Muir, biochemist, 68; Sir John Plumb, former Master, Christ's College, Cambridge, 77; General Sir Nigel Poett, 81; Mr Brian Rees, former headmaster, Rugby School, 59; Baroness Robson of Kiddington, 69.
TOMORROW: Mr A.C. Abbott, *stage designer, 65*; Dame Janet Baker, opera singer, 55; Mr Christopher Brasher, Olympic gold medallist and race director, London Marathon, 60; Miss Diana Churchill, actress, 75; Sir Kenneth Cork, former Lord Mayor of London, 75; Lord Goodman, CH, 75; Miss Anne Hobbs, tennis player, 29; the Hon Gerald Lascelles, 64; Dr T.P. McLean, director, Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, 58; Mr Barry Norman, broadcaster, 55; Mr Sam Toy, former chairman, Ford Motor Company, 65; Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Vickers, 60.

Service dinner

Army Catering Corps
General Sir Geoffrey Howlett, Representative Colonel Commandant of the Army Catering Corps, presided at a ladies dinner held last night at the Headquarters Mess Aldershot to dine out the retiring Director, Brigadier Michael Paterson. Brigadier Keith Hudson, Colonel Commandant, and Brigadier Robin Maddy, Commandant, HQ ACC Training Centre, were among those present.

Appointments

Sir Derek May, former British High Commissioner in Canada, to be a Vice-Chairman of the Council of the British Red Cross.
Sir Ronald Ernest Dearing to be a Board member of English Estates for three years from August 17, 1988.
Coopers and Lybrand to be auditors to the Thames Water Authority in succession to Arthur Anderson.
The following appointments are made to the Natural Environment Research Council:
Professor Brian Thrush, of the Department of Physical Chemistry, Cambridge University, to serve for a further two years until July 31, 1990; Professor Roy Anderson, Lord Chorley, Professor Brian Hoskins, Mr Donald Lennard and Professor Alistair MacLeary, to serve as members until July 31, 1991

George Austin

Arm-twisting among the Lambeth fathers

There is, as the Preacher says, nothing new under the sun. Reception, the "in" word of the Lambeth Conference and the means by which the bishops hope to prevent the possibility of schism within the Anglican Communion, has been around a long time.

Curiously, since one of the gravest problems to emerge in Anglican/Roman Catholic International discussions is the position of the Papacy, an uncomfortably similar process (though not called such) is the basis for the development of the papal claim to ex cathedra infallibility, as well as the expression of this in the promulgation of the Dogmas of the bodily Assumption of the Blessed Virgin and of her Immaculate Conception.

Having been widely accepted as part *of Catholic devotion for centuries, it* could be claimed that both these beliefs were held by a consensus of Catholic Christendom, and so defined by Rome as truths required to be believed by the faithful. In other words, they were perceived to be "developments" of doctrine, which after wide acceptance in a process of "reception" were subsequently declared by the Church to be part of God's truth. Therein lies the first danger: that which the faithful *might* believe as an act of devotion becomes a test of orthodoxy.

In more recent years, reception has surfaced in ecumenical circles as the principle on which unity discussions should now rest, though lacking, of course, any concept of papal imprimatur. Until the rejection by the Church of England of the proposals for a Covenant between Anglicans and the major English Protestant Churches, ecumenical discussion had always been based on attempts to find a form of words acceptable to all participants, which would encompass differences of belief and practice. Since by its very nature it required the acceptance of ambiguity, it inevitably foundered on the twin altars of compromise and dilution.

At the very moment that the demise of the Covenant was being mourned by its proponents with a mixture of grief, anger and mutual recrimination (which has not altogether disappeared), a new concept had already made its appearance in international dialogue between the churches: unity in diversity. It was altogether a more mature approach, accepting the integrity of diversity and recognizing that the very principles which seemed to divide might in the fullness of time be "received" as a wider comprehension of God's revelation to his Church.

As a result, doctrines like justification by faith on the one hand and the eucharistic sacrifice on the other, which at the Reformation seemed to be the basis for division, are now recognized as interpretations of the truth, without recourse to deceptive ambiguity. Moreover, the process includes "non-reception" and "de-reception" by which those portions of a church's life or faith which obscure or distort the Gospel are excised like a bad tooth. Here lies the second danger: that eternal truths which offend some contemporary secular fashion might be cast out as distortion.

Unfortunately, the manner in which reception has been seized upon by the Lambeth bishops as a means whereby the deep divisions in Anglicanism may be healed risks both dangers as well as creating its own. Because the process is set in train, so far as ministry is concerned, by actually putting into practice that which it suggests "may" be received in the future, it pre-empts the answer. Thus it becomes as inadequate as the attempts at unity by ambiguity, since it asks an apparently open question of the rest of the Anglican Communion when the American, Canadian and New Zealand provinces have no intention of accepting anything other than a positive answer.

Far from being a process of reception, *it is in reality a prolonged and painful* arm-twisting imposed upon those who cannot accept a particular modern trend in the Church. It is fair to ask if the Lambeth Fathers have fully considered the implications of the precedent which has been set.

For if the one development of women in the priesthood and episcopate can be "received", it is legitimate and reasonable for the same provinces to ask: Can it be that Anglicans, by following biblical statements about morals – especially homosexual activity – have failed to witness to God's love for all? By worshipping only through masculine imagery, has liturgy been thereby disabled from acknowledging a full expression of God's nature?

Thus whereas the use of the principle of reception in ecumenical debate is "an owning by the churches of the results of convergence and consensus,"* in the Lambeth sense it can lead to the legitimatizing of divergence and of deliberate ideological diversity. Unlike ecumenical reception, it is not an open-ended process which may or may not lead to final acceptance, but one whose end is pre-determined by the very action – that of the ordination of women – which is to be "received".

Thus, the Lambeth process of reception appears to mean simply that provinces which have not yet taken on board the new insights are given time so to do. Ultimately (and the time for reception must be limited, however extended that limit might be) a province which refuses to accept the priestly or episcopal orders of "lawfully ordained" women elsewhere in the Anglican Communion must be considered no longer part of the communion. Reception in this sense is a choice between an acceptance of the inevitable or a delayed excommunication for a deliberate refusal to "receive" that which the Church has declared to be truth.

The Lambeth bishops must surely have failed to notice that paradoxically this owes more to the process which affirmed papal infallibility and the Marian dogmas than to the understanding of reception in ecumenical dialogue. And given the nature of the Anglican Communion, this is a recipe not for unity but for disintegration.

* Wm G Rusch: *Reception – an Ecumenical Opportunity*

George Austin, Vicar of Bushey, Herts is soon to be Archdeacon of York

Saleroom

Car mascots of worth

By Jennie Gilbert

Any motorist who has recently found empty screwholes in the bonnet where the badge once was, will be only too aware of the latest craze in car collectables.

At Christie's sale of motoring Art and Literature, on Thursday, "art of the two dimensional sort" sold disappointingly. The top price of £1,650 paid for a pair of Vittorio Sodo portraits of Ferrari was a long way short of the £2,500-£3,500 expected.

What the crowd had come for were the mascots and badges. A radiator cap, adorned with a chromium plated swan was expected to fetch £120-£180; bidding went up to £1,100.

Another radiator cap, this time in the form of a sulky looking cherub in nickel plate tripled its estimate to make £660.

The other relative high spot of the week at Christie's was the sale of costumes and textiles in which a single lot brought in a third of the auction's total. A London dealer paid a staggering £15,400 for an early needlework rug thought to have been made for Hever Castle.

And there was fierce bidding in the provinces this week and a little intrigue to boot. Henry Spencer and Son's Retford sale was ostensibly a modest affair featuring clocks, weapons and musical instruments.



Pete Best, the fifth Beatle, selling off his memories

Dealers from London turned out in force to make the top price of £2,300 for a *mahogany-cased* clock expected to fetch nearer £5,000.

The chief surprise though was lot 149:"a quantity of fishing reels, leather boxes and other items...." with a guide price of £40-£60, which went for £1,000.

● Original Beatles drummer Pete Best is selling his mementoes of the group's early years. Best was replaced by Ringo Starr on the eve of the group's breakthrough. His scrapbook of the band's career from 1960 to 1962 is expected to fetch between £10,000 and £15,000 at Sotheby's next month.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.A. Doughty and Miss P.J. Barsby
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs George Doughty, of 60 Clonmel Road, SW6, and Penelope, daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Barsby, of Caliungal, High Range, New South Wales.

Mr G. Evans and Miss C. Green
The engagement is announced between Gareth, younger son of Philip and Eileen Evans, of Springfield, Chelmsford, and Catherine, elder daughter of Christopher Green, of Petersfield, Hampshire, and Harriet Leppan, of Herne, Kent.

Mr I.W. Furniss and Miss L.J. Dolby
The engagement is announced between Ian, youngest son of Mr and Mrs E.J. Furniss, of Purley, Surrey, and Lindsay, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel C.R. Dolby (rtd), and Mrs Dolby, of Well End, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M.V. Higson and Dr J.F. Reilly
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Higson, of Addlestone, and Jackie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Reilly, also of Addlestone, Weybridge, Surrey.

Mr C.G. McGowan and Miss D.A. Gordon
The engagement is announced between Charles Gresley, elder son of Major and Mrs J.G. McGowan, of Benridge Hall, Ponteland, Northumberland, and Deborah Ann, only daughter of Dr and Mrs J.E. Gordon, of The Villa, Seaton Burn, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Mr M.W. Moorhouse and Miss B.J. Rolewicz
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Moorhouse, of Bucks Hill, Hertfordshire, and Barbara, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Stefan Rolewicz, of Cricklewood, North London.

Mr J.E.S. Richards and Miss E.J.L. Donne
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Eric Streeter, youngest son of Mr C.E. Richards, FRSC, and Mrs Richards, of Penhole, Portscatho, Cornwall, and Emma Jane Louise, daughter of Mr Anthony Donne, QC, and Mrs Donne, of Caton House, Ivybridge, Devon.

Dr D. O'Sullivan and Dr A. Bhan
The engagement is announced between Donal, elder son of the late Mr and Mrs D. O'Sullivan, of Sunday's Well, Cork, and Angelica, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Bhan, of Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

Mr D. Washington and Miss F. Allbury
The engagement is announced between Darren, son of Mr and Mrs T. Washington, of Wigmore, Kent, and Francesca, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.L. Allbury, of New Ash Green, Dartford, Kent.

Mr L.J.P. Wolfe and Miss S.J.E. Fitzmaurice
The engagement is announced between Iain, youngest son of the late Mr Peter Wolfe and of Mrs Kathleen Wolfe, of Haywards Heath, Sussex, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr Guy Fitzmaurice, of Winchelsea, Sussex, and Mrs Jane Fitzmaurice, of Charlbury, Oxfordshire.

Marriages

Mr D.S. Hooper and Miss C.M. Daubeny
The marriage took place on July 29, of Mr David Hooper, son of Sir Robin Hooper and the late Lady Hooper, to Miss Caroline Daubeny, daughter of the late Sir Peter Daubeny and of Lady Daubeny.

Mr C.J. Barry and Miss M.J. Sharp
The marriage took place on Monday, August 8, 1988, at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Walmer, between Mr Christopher Barry, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J.H.W. Barry, of Sherborne, Dorset, and Miss Melinda Sharp, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W.G. Sharp, of Walmer, Kent. The Rev Bruce Hawkins officiated.

Lieutenant C.J. Connolly, RN and Captain G.M. Perks, WRAC
The marriage took place in Chesterfield, on Friday, August 19, between Lieutenant Christopher Connolly, RN, and Captain Gillian Perks, WRAC.

Mr N.J. Way and Miss L.K. Popat
The marriage took place on August 13, at St Mark's Church, Purley, between Mr Nicholas John Way, son of Mr and Mrs J.B. Way, of Purley, and Miss Leena Kandilal Popat, daughter of Dr and Mrs K.K.Popat, of Reigate.

University news

University of London
The title of Reader in Pharmacology has been conferred on Dr D A W-Wray by the Senate of London University. Dr W-Wray is Senior Lecturer in Pharmacology in the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine's Academic Department of Pharmacology.
Dr Brent W Taylor, Senior Lecturer in Child Health at St Mary's Hospital Medical School, has been appointed to the new Chair of Community Child Health. Dr Taylor will take up the post during the Academic Year 1988-89.
Dr Anthony F Winder, Reader in Pathology at the University of Leicester, is appointed to the Chair of Chemical Pathology with effect from November 1, 1988.
Queen Mary College is to confer Honorary Fellowships on Dr John Alvey, former Managing Director, Development and Procurement and Engineer-in-Chief, British Telecom; Mr Bryan Magee, philosopher and broadcaster and former MP for Leyton, and Mr Nicholas Serota, Director of the Whitechapel Art Gallery and Director-Elect of the Tate Gallery.
The Fellowship of the College will also be conferred on Professor D C Bradley, Emeritus Professor of Inorganic Chemistry at QMC; Mr John Gross, writer and editor and former member of the staff; Mr Yosuke Masuda, Managing Director of Kumagai Gumi (UK) Ltd and College law graduate; the Rt Hon Lord Murray of Epping Forest, retired General Secretary of the TUC and Dr Mario Vargas Llosa, Peruvian novelist and former member of staff.
The ceremony will be held at 4pm on November 7, 1988 in the College's Great Hall.

Anniversaries

Births: Benjamin Harrison, 23rd president of the USA 1889-93, North Bend, Ohio, 1833; Raymond Poincaré, president of France 1913-20, Bar-le-Duc, 1860; Saul Tchernichowsky, poet, Crimea, 1875.
Deaths: Thomas Winter, styled 'Tom Spring' champion of England pugilist, London, 1851; Jules Laforgue, poet, Paris, 1887; William Booth, founder of *the Salvation Army, London*, 1912; Paul Ehrlich, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1908, Bad Homburg vor der Höhe, 1915; Federico Garcia Lorca, dramatist and poet, murdered, Granada, 1936; Leon Trotsky, murdered, Mexico City, 1940.

Tomorrow
Births: Jean Baptiste Greuze, painter, Macôn, 1725; William Murdock, inventor, Auchinleck, Strathclyde, 1754; William IV, reigned 1830-37, Buckingham Palace, 1765; Charles Gerhardt, chemist, Strasbourg, 1816; Aubrey Beardsley, illustrator, Brighton, 1872; 'Count' Basie, jazz pianist, Red Bank, New Jersey, 1904.
Deaths: Richard Crashaw, poet, Loreto, Italy, 1649; Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, writer, London, 1762; Sir Benjamin Thompson, Count von Rumford, founder of the Royal Institution, Auteuil, 1814; Sir Jacob Epstein, London, 1959.

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OBITUARY

SIR FREDERICK ASHTON

Great Choreographer and founder-figure of British ballet

Sir Frederick Ashton, OM, CH, one of the founders of British ballet, died on August 18 at the age of 83.

First as dancer, then as director, he played a distinguished part in the creation and growth of a national company and a native tradition. His unique contribution, however, was in his choreography. As a creative artist he was recognized to have been equalled by few and excelled by none in the whole history of the art he served.

There would, thanks to the determination and effort of others, have been some kind of British ballet today even without Ashton. It is impossible to imagine that it would have achieved the immense international reputation it enjoys had he not been there to create a repertory and a style. His public gifts brought him universal respect, and his private qualities ensured also that he enjoyed the love of those who knew him.

Frederick William Mallandaine Ashton was born of English parents at Guayaquil, Ecuador, on September 17, 1904. He was brought up in Lima, Peru, where he had two experiences crucial to his future career. The first was acting as acolyte to the Archbishop and thus acquiring a love of ritual; the second was being taken to see Anna Pavlova dance.

This gave him the urge to become a dancer himself, but such a career was unheard of in a respectable middle-class family at that time.

"My father was horrified," Ashton once recalled. "You can imagine the middle-class attitude. My mother would say: 'He wants to go on the stage.' She could not bring herself to say 'into the ballet.'"

Before he could follow his vocation he was sent to a minor English public school, where he was miserably unhappy, and put to work with an import-export firm in the City.

Only then could he begin to take classes in secret and eventually, when frustrated ambition was harming his health, he was allowed to work full time and openly at what he wanted.

Luck had it that he began his studies with Massine, who happened to advertise for pupils. Massine in turn sent him to Marie Rambert, who quickly discovered his talent for choreography. So it came about that Ashton created his first ballet, *A Tragedy of Fashion*, in 1926 while still a pupil. This was a chic, amusing little work added to the revue *Riverside Nights*.

During the next few years Ashton danced in variety concerts, spent a year with Ida Rubinstein's company (where he enjoyed the chance to work under Bronislava Nijinska, a big influence on his own choreography), and performed with the small company Marie Rambert gathered together whenever possible. For them he created a series of ballets including *Capriol Suite* which long remained in the repertory.

Ashton's first big hit, however, was *Façade*, first given in 1931 by the Camargo Society with a cast including Lydia Lopokova and Alicia Markova. Its insouciant parodies of popular dances have remained a source of amusement ever since and it has been performed repeatedly all over the world.

His first work for Ninette de Valois's young Vic-Wells Ballet was *Regatta* in 1932. The following year he composed for these same dancers, with Stanislas Idzikowsky as guest, the light but brilliant *Les Rendezvous*, which also remains to this day in the international repertory.

He joined the Vic-Wells permanently in 1935 and began a richly productive period. His *Apparitions* in 1936 was by many compared favourably with Massine's *Symphonie Fantastique* on a similar theme, and that year saw also the touching *Nocturne* to Delius's *Paris*. These works have vanished, but the following year's witty *A Wedding Bouquet* and *Les Patineurs* are still with us.



Meanwhile, his fame was spreading abroad. Already in 1934 he had created dances for the Gertrude Stein-Virgil Thomson opera *Four Saints in Three Acts*, and in 1939 he made his first ballet for a foreign company: *Devil's Holiday* for Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo.

The outbreak of war inspired Ashton to the tragic, intense *Dante Sonata*; later he served in the Royal Air Force but was occasionally given special leave to create a new ballet. His next outstanding production, however, was *Symphonic Variations* with which he greeted the company's transfer to Covent Garden in 1946: an outpouring of pure dance which shows his lyrical gifts at their finest.

This began a series of beautiful plotless ballets, notably *Valses Nobles et Sentimentales, Scènes de Ballet* and *Monotones*. But he also began a series of large-scale dramatic works adapting the formula of 19th century classical ballet into a contemporary idiom.

The first of these was *Cinderella*, in 1948, for which he drew ingeniously on the English pantomime tradition. There followed *Sylvia, Romeo and Juliet* (for the Royal Danish Ballet), *Ondine, La Fille mal gardée* and *The Two Pigeons*.

Of these, *Fille* has proved his most popular ballet, reproduced with success all over the world, but all of them illustrated the multiplicity of his gifts: for the invention of always attractive pure dances, for the vivid expression of character, and for a lively sense of comedy.

Nobody could better shape a role to the abilities of a dancer, often revealing qualities beyond those of which the dancer was aware. Margot Fonteyn, in particular, was developed by Ashton in a long series of roles from *Rio Grande* in 1935 to *Marguerite and Armand* three decades later, and including, besides many of the works already mentioned, the sublime *Daphnis and Chloe*.

Ashton was also greatly adroit at turning a *pièce d'occasion* into something which long outlived the occasion which gave it birth.

Examples were his coronation ballet *Homage to the Queen*; the *Birthday Offering*, which celebrated the Royal Ballet's 25th anniversary in 1956, and the immensely amusing *The Dream* which he mounted for the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth.

He turned his hand successfully to opera production (*Manon, Albert Herring* and a memorable *Orpheus* with Kathleen Ferrier) and also provided dances for films and plays. The list of his productions runs well into three figures.

His position as one of the Royal Ballet's artistic directors was first officially recognized in 1948, although it had long been apparent in practice. He succeeded Dame Ninette as director of the company in 1963 and held the position until 1970, when he officially retired although actually remaining active as choreographer and performer.

The measure of Ashton's greatness can be seen in both the quality and the variety of his work. He had a gift which might, without immodest comparison, be called Shakespearian, for moving within a single work from the most tender expression of love to wild knockabout comedy or delicately barbed wit. Besides, it was the experience of dancing his ballets which helped to mould the whole style of dancing associated with the Royal Ballet. The freshness, purity and poise of the English style at its best are in fact Ashton's style.

Ashton was created CBE in 1950, knighted in 1962, made a Companion of Honour in 1970 and received the Order of Merit seven years later. For his work he was also admitted to the Legion d'Honneur, made a Commander of the Danish Order of Dannebrog, and awarded the Swedish Carina Ari gold medal. In 1959 his own profession honoured him with the Royal Academy of Dancing Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Award.

The tribute of which he was perhaps most proud, however, was one entirely unique to him. On the occasion of his retirement from the Royal Ballet, the dancers planned, prepared and rehearsed, in secret, a complete programme commemorating Ashton's achievements. Dances from old works, which everyone thought long-forgotten, were painstakingly remembered and restored.

No such retrospective display of a choreography's career had ever been attempted before; nor is it easy to imagine it happening again, since the motive was the love which Ashton had the rare gift of inspiring in those who worked with him. Even those who knew him only through his work could share some part of this affection, since it was there alone that this shy, modest man revealed himself.

After he retired from the directorship Ashton continued to create new works, but naturally with less frequency and usually on a small scale, often for favourite dancers to perform on special occasions.

More important was the fact that, thanks to the enthusiasm and determination of Peter Schaufuss, Ashton's long-lost *Romeo and Juliet* was revived in a new production, supervised by the choreographer for London Festival Ballet, and that Anthony Dowell, as director of the Royal Ballet, later accomplished a similar salvation for another of Ashton's biggest works, *Ondine*.

Thanks to these acts of homage, the achievement of Ashton in his prime was shown to a new generation and will be available also for posterity as the ballets have now been recorded in a system of notation invented only since their creation.

He will be sadly missed, but his ballets will be an enduring memorial.

HERR H. H. STUCKENSCHMIDT

Herr H.H. Stuckenschmidt, *the distinguished Berlin music* critic and a leading authority on 20th-century European music, died on August 15 at the age of 86.

Possibly his outstanding achievement was his biography of Schoenberg, a work of intensive research which finally reached publication in the Schoenberg centenary year of 1974. However, his sympathies were wide, and perhaps most keenly engaged by music which similarly avoided allegiance to any particular school: the music of such contemporaries of his as Boris Blacher and Karl Amadeus Hartmann.

Hans Heinz Stuckenschmidt was born in Strasbourg in 1901, and attended schools in Berlin, Ulm and Magdeburg, gaining his musical education from private teachers: he studied the violin, the piano and composition.

During the 1920s he established himself as a freelance composer, critic and organizer of contemporary-music concerts, living for short periods in Bremen, Hamburg, Vienna, Paris, Berlin and Prague: it was this international experience that alerted him to the importance of both Schoenberg and Stravinsky, at a time when the two were seen, by commentators all the way from Adorno to Cocteau, very much as alternatives.

At the beginning of the 1930s he returned to Berlin, where, as an observer, he tended Schoenberg's classes at the Prussian Academy of Arts. His support for contemporary music, and for Jewish musicians, brought a ban on him by the Nazi authorities in 1934, from which point he was forbidden to write in German newspapers.

In 1937 he began working for German-language papers in Prague, until there too he was banned and, in 1942, conscripted as an armed forces' interpreter.

In 1946 he returned to Berlin, where he remained, teaching music history at the Technische Universität from 1948 until his retirement in 1967, and writing for the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* from 1946 to 1957 and thereafter for the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*.

It was during these Berlin years, too, that he became a prolific author of books on 20th-century music, including studies of Blacher (1963), Ravel (1966) and Busoni (1968), and an introductory guide, *Twentieth Century Music* (1969).

Stuckenschmidt's achievement, not least in this quite short book, was to draw attention to the significant threads in musical modernism, and he remained an eager and astute follower of composers a full generation younger than himself: composers such as Boulez, Stockhausen and Penderecki.

He saw it as his business less to judge than to observe, to watch the many forking paths towards the common ground that he looked for.

He was, in essence, a historian more than a critic: his self-effacement perhaps prevented him from going more deeply into the music in his book on Schoenberg, but through his acumen and his thoroughness he created a biography of unusual detail, and he leaves many younger critics and composers in his debt for his clear charting of a confused century.

He was married to Margot Hinnenberg-Lefebre, a noted Schoenberg singer.

MME ANNE-MARIE CAZALIS

Sir Isaiah Berlin writes:

The last paragraph of your obituary (August 12) of Mme Anne-Marie Cazalis requires some qualification. At a party, at which I was present, Jean Cocteau said that it was to him that André Gide sent his telegram from beyond the grave. The text he quoted was, to the best of my recollection: "*L'enfer n' existe pas. Prevenez Claudel. Ne dites rien à Sartre.*" (Hell does not exist. Warn Claudel. Say nothing to Sartre.)

This is far more plausible on all grounds. If the recipient had been Mauriac, he would almost certainly have suppressed it. Gide was not "his fellow Roman Catholic", he was a member of a well-known Protestant family.

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Jesus said to them, 'Be on guard, and don't let anyone deceive you. Many men, claiming to speak for me, will come and say, "I am he!" and they will deceive many people.'
St Mark 13.5-6

BIRTHS

BRIDGE - On August 11th, to Janet (née Mynott) and Christopher, a daughter, Amy Elizabeth.

COLE - On August 17th, at Edinburgh, to Camilla (née Traill) and Robin, a son, Charles Richard Arthur.

DAVIES - On August 16th 1988, to Agneta and Tony a son, Michael Lando.

DE STACPOOLE - On July 13th, in Galway, to Anne and Richard, a daughter, Erria.

ELPHINSTONE - On August 18th, to Lucy and Charles, a son Thomas George.

HATFIELD - On August 15th, to Julia (née Chavasse) and David, a beautiful daughter Rosamund Lucy.

LEE - On August 16th, to Jacqui (née Sutton) and Mark, a son, Andrew Neal.

NEWMARK - On August 11th, to Ann (née Paterson) and John a daughter Laura Frances, a sister for Katharine, Gillian and Stephen.

PRIESTLEY - On August 18th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Sara (née Taverner) and David, a son, Thomas Leo, a brother to Sophie and Charles.

SANGUINETTI - On July 31st 1988, to Madeleine and Christopher, a daughter, Carolyn Anna Victoria, a sister for Natasha and Philip.

SCOTT - On August 18th, to Jessica (née Kirk) and Simon, a son.

THOMPSON - On August 11th 1988, to Lucy Elisabeth (née Nunes Carvalho) and Ian Clive, a lovely daughter Ella Catherine.

WOOTTON - On August 18th, to Amanda and Christopher, a daughter.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

CLAPP-HELAND - On August 20th 1938, Geoffrey and Sybil. God bless em!

ELLIS-VERDON-ROE - On August 20th 1938, at St. Andrew's, Ham Common, James to Monica now at Otterbourne, Winchester.

DEATHS

ARDIZZONE - on August 17th, in hospital after a short illness, David Antony Irving, leaving wife Dorothy and 3 children.

ATKINSON - On August 10th, 1988 at Castle Hedingham - Kathleen Atkinson M.B.

BANNERMAN - On August 18th 1988, John Meiklejohn, peacefully in hospital in his 90th year. Beloved husband of Kathleen O'Malley, Ardgay Hill, Ardgay, Sutherland, Scotland. Funeral service in Ardgay Church on Tuesday 23rd August at 2pm thereafter to Kincardine Cemetry. Enquiries to D. Thomson and Co, Funeral Directors, London House, Tain. Telephone (0862) 2238.

BEATTIE - On August 17th, 1988, suddenly, James Beattie OBE, TD, DL, JP, aged 75 years. The dearest husband of Joan. A private family funeral service will take place on Thursday, August 25th, details of a memorial service to be held at St Michael and All Angels Church, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton will be announced later. Enquiries to F Jennings and Sons, Wolverhampton 22251

LINDSAY - On August 17th 1988, peacefully in hospital after a long illness borne with great courage, James Stanley late of Harrow and Friston. Husband of Ellen, father of Judith and David, dear grandpa to Ian, Allison, Roland and Alexander. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Wednesday 24th August at 12.30 p.m. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to The Heart Transplant Trust, Harefield Hospital, Harefield, Uxbridge, Middlesex. UB9 6JH.

MALLARD - On August 17th, John, in Wellington, New Zealand, loved and missed by Mallard Family.

MOON - On August 12th, suddenly Anthony Gordon Willmott Moon of Clifton, Bristol. Family funeral service already taken place at Mangotsfield Friday 19th August.

PARRY - On August 17th, after a brave fight. Noel James, beloved husband of Dilys. Dearest father of Clive and Quentin. Funeral Tuesday 23rd. Enquiries and flowers to Leverions. Tel: 01 202 8006.

PENGELLY - On August 17th, suddenly whilst on holiday in Devon, Thomas aged 63 of Birling Road, Tunbridge Wells. A much loved father of Anne and devoted grandfather to Stuart and Thomas. Funeral service on Friday 26th August at 2.30pm at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Donations to his memory are being made to Great Ormond Street Hospital Wishing Well Appeal, c/o E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

SCAIFE - On August 17th, 1988, at his home in Italy, in his 88th year, Professor Christopher Henry Oldham, F.R.S.L.

TALBOT - On August 18th 1988, suddenly, at home, Frederick, dearly loved husband of Molly. Funeral at St. Augustine's Church, Lesgrave, Near Luton, on September 6th at 2pm. Family flowers only by request. Donations to British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1H 4DH.

TRAVIS - On August 18th, peacefully, Ernest Raymond, aged 77 of Quinton, Northampton, dearest husband of Connie and much loved father of Hilary and Tony. Funeral on Wednesday August 24th at 2.30 p.m. at St. George's Church, Wootton, Northampton to be followed by private burial. Family flowers only.

WOODHEAD - On August 15th, 1988, Judith, aged 18, in Australia as the result of a tragic accident. Beloved youngest daughter of John and Christine Woodhead of Pencoed, Alstonville, NSW 2477, formerly of Pembrokeshire, UK.

YEADELL - On August 18th 1988, Suddenly, Walter Reginald Douglas (Bill) MBE. Aged 74 years. Dearly beloved husband of the late Olive. Beloved father of Lorraine, Alex, David and Timothy and a much loved grandfather. Funeral at All Saints Church, Offord Cluny, Huntingdon on Wednesday 24th August 1988 at 2pm. Family flowers only

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ANDERSON - Laurence Guy. A Thanksgiving Service for his life will be held on Tuesday 30th August at 2.30pm. Bierton Parish Church, nr Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

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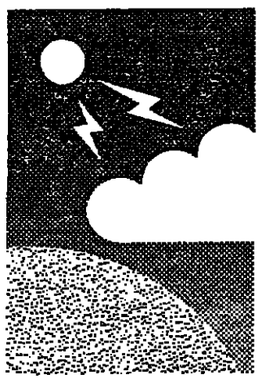
SCIENCE REPORT

Undersea hot springs unlikely cradle of life

Hot springs on the ocean floor – called hydrothermal vents – are in scientific fashion as possible places where life began. But Stanley L Miller and Jeffrey L Bada, of the University of California, believe that life must have originated somewhere else. The vents have all the right ingredients for life to begin, but could not have provided the right environment.

Hydrothermal vents might be thought of as ideal nurseries for living organisms. Simple compounds of carbon, nitrogen, hydrogen, oxygen and sulphur are plentiful and the hot springs – gushing out of cracks in the seabed at 350deg.C – provide plenty of energy to put them all together into organic molecules. Seawater thousands of feet deep shields life from damaging ultraviolet rays from the sun, and would have protected it from the frequent meteorite impacts experienced by the young Earth about 4,000 million years ago, when it can be supposed that living organisms originated. The discovery that simple molecules of the nucleic acid RNA are capable of biochemical reactions in the absence of protein (see Thursday's Science Report) has encouraged speculation that life evolved from an "RNA world" in which self-replicating RNA molecules obtained their energy from hot springs either on land or on the ocean floor.

Writing in this week's *Nature*, Miller and Bada show that the enormous temperatures and pressures in and around deep-sea hydrothermal vents would destroy delicate organic molecules before they would have a chance of assembling into the large, complicated molecules so characteristic of life. The ancestors of the organisms that now live



near hydrothermal vents (see Science Report, 6th May) moved there from other habitats and evolved to meet the rigours of the environment. But conditions are too harsh for life to have evolved there from scratch.

In their laboratory, Miller and Bada subjected simple organic compounds to the kinds of temperatures and pressures that are commonplace on the seafloor near a hydrothermal vent. Amino acids, the basic units of proteins and essential to life, were obvious candidates for testing. These molecules lasted only a few minutes at most before being destroyed.

Linking amino acids together to make protein molecules would be at best extremely difficult in or near a hydrothermal vent. Amino acids can be joined together to make a protein in one of two ways. In one, the amino acids are connected with the loss of a water molecule. But in an environment like the sea, where water abounds, the laws of thermodynamics militate against this process.

In the second scheme, two amino acids can be glued together with the help of a third compound such as hydrogen cyanide, believed to have been abundant in the very early Earth. But hydrogen cyanide and its chemical relatives are easily broken down when subjected to high temperatures and pressures.

The ability to reproduce is a fundamental property of living organisms; this is possible because nucleic acids such as DNA and RNA can make copies of themselves. Like proteins, nucleic acids are made of long chains of smaller molecules linked together. These molecules are not amino acids, but certain kinds of sugar and other relatively simple compounds called purines and pyrimidines. As with the proteins, these substances fare poorly in hydrothermal vent conditions.

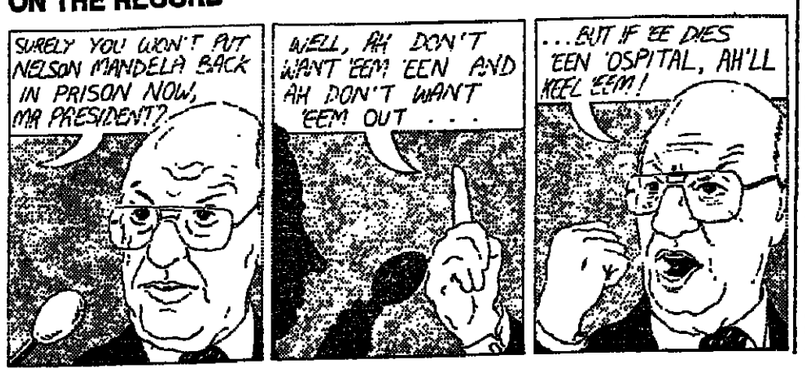
So how and where did life originate, if not in hydrothermal vents? Many researchers think that the compounds necessary for life were assembled from the constituents of the early atmosphere with the help of energy from electrical storms or ultraviolet radiation. The Earth's atmosphere before the advent of living things was rich in substances that contain elements necessary to make biologically important molecules.

As a graduate student at the University of Chicago in the 1950s, Miller was part of the research effort to show that amino acids can be made in laboratory simulations of these conditions. After a week-long test in which electricity was passed through a bottled "atmosphere" of water, hydrogen, ammonia and methane, Miller collected amino acids from the test vessel. Life may, then, have come from a primeval soup; but not a primeval pressure cooker.

Henry Gee

ON THE RECORD

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Mr Guy Smith, a London cabbie, prepares to set off in his taxi for Sydney – with his meter running all the way to raise money for children's charities. *The Guinness Book of Records* says the six-man team taking part will be undertaking the longest and most expensive cab ride ever, an 11-week journey of more than 11,000 miles (Photograph: Marc Aspland).

Elections

The Royal Institution of Great Britain

Sir George Porter, President of the Royal Society, who retires from the Fullerian Professorship of Chemistry at the Royal Institution this month, has been elected an Honorary Member and appointed Emeritus Professor.

The new Fullerian Professor of Chemistry will be John M **Thomas**, Director of the Royal Institution and formerly Head of Department of Physical Chemistry, University of Cambridge.

Professor Dorothy **Hodgkin**, is also elected an Honorary Member.

The following have been elected Fellows of The Textile Institute: Mr R G **Baner**, Mr A R **Fellingham**, Mr D C L **Robinson**, Dr M A **Rashforth** and Miss A **Sheppard**.

Portrait 'scoop'

A South Yorkshire pit town has scooped the art world by staging the first showing of a controversial new portrait of the Queen. The artist Norman Hutchinson spent three years completing the sombre looking portrait during sittings with the Queen. Now it has gone on show for the first time at Doncaster museum. Mr Hutchinson, who lives in a villa in France, has lent his latest painting to Mr Bob Grainger, a Doncaster councillor for an indefinite period.

Vintage year

Vineyards in East Anglia are looking forward to a vintage year. Last year's harvest was wrecked by summer storms and the October gales but now growers in the region are expecting this year's vintage to more than compensate.

Church news

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Preb George Abell, Vicar, Old Basing, diocese Winchester: resigned on health grounds on July 31.
The Rev Richard O Hill, Curate, St Peter, Didcot, diocese Oxford: to retire on medical grounds on September 1.
The Rev Edgar S Landen, Rector, Wytham, diocese Oxford: to retire on September 30.

The Rev Lawrence R Price, Rector, Calton, Cauldon, Grindon and Waterfall, diocese Lichfield, resigned on grounds of ill health on July 31.
The Rev Keith R White, Chaplain, Salisbury College of Technology, diocese Salisbury: to resign for family reasons.

The Rev Eric B Wood, Vicar, Buckland, Littleworth and Pusey, diocese Oxford: to retire on October 2. He will take up retirement partially as Master of Hugh Sexey's Hospital at Bruton, Somerset.

The Rev David Goldspink, whose appointment as Priest-in-charge of Cranfield w Heveningham and Ubbeston w Huntingfield and Cookley, diocese St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, was recently announced, will not now be taking up this post.

The Rev Robert L Raikes, Vicar, St Aldhelm, Poole, diocese Salisbury, has withdrawn his acceptance of the post of Rector, Stanton St Quintin, Hullavington and Grittleton w Norton and Leigh Delamere, and Priest-in-charge, Littleton Drew, diocese Bristol.

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YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10.15 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Whitehead), Os justi (Bruckner), Canon J Toy; 11.30 M, Te Deum (Britten), Responses (Godfrey); 4 E, Stanford 8 Hosti, Laudibus in sanctis (Byrd), Canon J Badger.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Short Service (Weelkes), Rev K O Routledge; 11.50 HC, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd); 3.15 E, Third Service (Byrd), Christe qui lux es (Whitel, Rev P Lynn.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8, 11.40 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Rose), Vaughan Williams in G, Exultate Deo (Palestrina), Canon S Charles; 3 E, Westminster Service (Howells), Evening Hymn (Balfour Gardiner), Canon P Vowles, 6.55 Organ Recital; 6.30 ES, Canon C Semper.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Darke in F, Give us the wings of faith (Bullock), Teach me O Lord (Attwood), Canon P Pennarden; 3 E, Ireland in F, Greater Love (Ireland).
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 12.15, 6 LM, 11 HM, Fr M Jones.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, 12 HC, Blessed are the pure in heart (Thalben-Ball), O for a closer walk with God (Stanford), The Grenadier Guards, The Chaplain.
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Mass for three voices (Byrd), O how amiable are thy dwellings (Gardner), Rev B McAvoy.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER. 11 S Euch, Rev P Blewett.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 8.15 LM, 11 HM, Darke in E minor, O for a closer walk with God (Stanford), in A minor, Mine eyes for beauty pine (Howells), The Vicar.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9.30 HC; 11 Rev R Bewes, 6.30 Rev S Wookey
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3, 8, 12 HC; 11 M, Preb C E L Thomson; 6 E, Preb C E L Thomson.
CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 Parish Communion, Rev M Butchers.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 11 S Euch, Rev A W Marks
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7, 8.30 HC (1662); 10.30 HC (ASB), Rev J A K Millar; 6.30 HC, Preb J T C B Collins.
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THEATRES

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Thurs 25 Aug 7.45pm — THE ACADEMY OF ANCIENT MUSIC Christopher Hogwood cond. Arleen Auger, Lynne Dawson sopranos Anthony Rolfe Johnson tenor, David Thomas bass Academy of Ancient Music Chorus Haydn: Madrigal 'The Storm' Symphony No 86 Mozart: Mass in C minor 1st UK perf of new edition by Richard Maunder £11 £9 £7 £5 A.A.M.

Sat 27 Aug 8.00pm — VIENNESE EVENING Johann Strauss Orchestra directed from the violin by John Bradbury, Sarah Wolfensohn piano J. Strauss II:

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SATURDAY

A WEEKLY GUIDE TO LEISURE ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS

When the bear dances in

Changes in lifestyle are being used by stock market analysts to predict the economic climate of the 1990s. Bryan Appleyard glimpses the future



Predicting a change of pace in the next decade: left, sunbathing, hedonistic fashions and the greed-is-good thinking of the supposedly frivolous Eighties will give way to the New Pessimism of the Nineties, right, which is likely to be exemplified by more sombre clothes, paler skins, a gloomier stock market picture and a heightened interest in issues such as the environment

Keep your eye on the tanning factor. Forget the Dow Jones Average, Mystic Meg or the *I Ching*: the real key to the future lies in the little numbers on the bottles of sun tan lotion – and they are rising ominously. In America, the big seller is now Factor 15. Coating yourself with this is the equivalent of not sunbathing at all. It blocks out the sun almost completely. You get back from Marbella as white as when you left Luton. But, and this is the point, you are unlikely to contract skin cancer and you do not look like yet another Eighties success story.

For the word is that the Eighties are over. The whole big, brightly-coloured package of optimism, money and the greedy good times is about to come unwrapped. Inside is the New Pessimism, a drab cocktail of sobriety, restraint and social concern.

Little time bombs of despair have been ticking away beneath the big parade of unbridled economic growth. As they detonate, the tanned, skiing, BMW-driving Eurotrash who have ruled the decade will be replaced by pale, caring creatures who wake up worrying about the ozone layer.

Factor 15 apart, the evidence for this impending transformation seems to be real enough. This is not mere glossy style-watching. There is, for a start, the problem of the next recession. This was widely forecast within six months of last October's stock market crash. *It did not materialize.* Yet few economists would deny that it is bound to happen sooner or later. Nothing, least of all bull markets, lasts forever.

But the crash proved that a simple reading of the charts of stock market prices was not enough. The crash of '87 did not follow the pattern of the crash of '29. The real economy did not follow the market. Now the pessimists have turned to a more subtle and comprehensive reading of the global entrails. The idea is that the crash is a cultural as well as a financial phenomenon. People will act, even dress, differently as bear succeeds bull, anxiety succeeds optimism.

The most specific and systematic form of this belief comes from an influential Wall Street stock market analyst called Robert Prechter. Prechter is a believer in the Big View. He analyses the markets via trends in mini-skirts, pop music and chat shows. His latest forecast even brings in *The Phantom of the Opera* as evidence of the rise of the anti-hero mentality and the reduction of the use of canned laughter on TV comedy shows as a sign of the decline of communal glee. The portents, he argues in *New York* magazine this month, are as dire as those he detected in 1968-69, when the Sixties binge began to turn into a hangover.

"We are now," Prechter says, "in a transitional phase back toward a mood of pessimism. It's an inevitable occurrence born from human nature. Trends appear, society takes them as far as possible, then the trend reverses."

The other tell-tale signs in the US are a sinister lull in trading on Wall Street, an alarming decline in restaurant business in Washington and the resurgence of "heavy metal" rock music in the form of groups like Megadeth and Metallica. Religion and fringe mysticism are, meanwhile, enjoying a boom. To check it out yourself turn up at the Los Angeles branch of the London nightclub Tramp. On the Friday night I went, the heavies were still there, keeping out the undesirables, the uninvited and the unchic, but inside it was almost empty. Californians now go to bed early and rise at dawn to go to the gym. Life is being taken seriously and immune systems are being strengthened. Aids is the most potent reason of all to leave the party.

Except, of course, you can prove anything in America. Since the crash of '87, looking for reasons to despair has become a cottage industry. In part there is a simple desire to be perverse. With peace breaking out all over the globe and economic growth still going strong for most people, it is always tempting to claim that the end of the world is nigh. Gloom may be just another symptom of Stateside hysteria. A sceptical Mark Ellen, editor of *Q* magazine, points out that, in contrast to LA, groovy British clubs have been enjoying what he describes as "a *new summer of love*".

But Ellen does admit that there are worrying – though to him welcome – signs of a new seriousness breaking out in the new pop industry. The Eighties have been marked by the success of production line music. The writing and producing team of Stock, Aitken and Waterman have blithely generated hits with the actual performers – people like Bananarama, Kylie Minogue and Rick Astley – being almost a secondary part of the process. "*I think all that* is coming to an end," he says, "and we are seeing the rise of singer-songwriters like Tracy Chapman with songs that are actually about something. It used to be called personal politics."

The key to this may be the fact that suddenly there does appear to be something to sing about – anxiety. Anxiety in its purest form was a disease of the Seventies. It arose from the conviction following the oil crisis that the entire machinery of capitalism was about to grind to a halt. This was accompanied by a whole series of gloomy forecasts about the inability of the planet to sustain our appetite for growth. Unfortunately for the environmentalists, the worst forecasts did not immediately come true, leaving us free to forget them in the Eighties. Growth then produced the carefree attitude that the planetary system would somehow survive.

"We had the Ronald Reagan attitude that if you've seen one tree then you've seen them all," comments Robin Maynard of Friends of the Earth, "but after Chernobyl our telephones were jammed with calls from people who were suddenly worried that things were going wrong. Then we had that story that Prince Charles had banned Di from using her hair spray and that was even bigger."

Hair sprays, of course, are said to contain chemicals which destroy the ozone layer and potentially threaten all life on earth. It was a theory that seemed a little far-fetched until, suddenly, the hole in the ozone layer was discovered hovering over the Arctic. On top of that, the long-forecast "greenhouse effect" actually seemed to be happening. Carbon dioxide emissions were causing the earth to heat up uncontrollably. Again it was seen as a wild theory, until a Nasa scientist blamed this summer's drought in the US on this warming process. The wilder anxieties of the mid-Seventies suddenly seem to be well-founded in the late Eighties as seals die in the North Sea and New York beaches are flooded with medical detritus.

"People are beginning to move away from the Eighties view that the oceans are a sort of infinite dustbin into which you can pour anything," Maynard says. "They now realize it can be overdosed with these noxious substances. The buzz word of the Nineties will be sustainability – all new developments will be judged by the extent to which the systems of the planet can sustain them. It will no longer be a question of simple, *unfettered growth.*"

The effect of such concerns at the level of everyday life could be a move away from the excesses associated with the confident capitalism of the Eighties, in which the design of buildings and the interiors of shops all took on an exuberant, decorative quality on the assumption that there was plenty of "added value" to sustain such frivolity.

"The Eighties were all about glamour design," says David Rivett, a director of the design group *Fitch & Co.* "*There is now a* movement towards a more restrained approach which suggests quality."

Rivett mentions the Next shops as a precursor. Their interiors are rich but restrained and the clothes tend towards the subdued. Meanwhile, in Paris, *the high fashion collections* for the autumn have tended to subscribe to what *Women's Wear Daily* calls the New Calm – quiet colours and severe classical lines, in contrast to the recent outbursts of wild colours and shapes.

In addition, Rivett believes that the design emphasis will move away from showy areas like retailing to manufacture. This, of course, is the area of the economy *that suffered most* in the Eighties as all the excitement in the economy moved in the direction of "frothy" sectors like financial services, while heavy industry quietly rusted away. But Nineties seriousness, according to Rivett, would mean that manufacturing would take on a more genuine, moral tone, something more virtuous and substantial to contrast with the hot money scandals in the City.

Peace, however, would seem to be one area where the present decade does appear to have achieved something. Regional conflicts are being resolved from the Gulf to Afghanistan, and the Russians and the Americans appear to be competing to dismantle *their arsenals. The dark* side of this can be found in the real motives of the Russians.

"People may be misreading the true nature of Gorbachev's reforms," says Michael Goodwin, director of the Institute for the Study of Conflict. "He is not challenging the central role of the Communist Party. He is working to strengthen communism. That could, in the long run, produce a more confident, assertive Soviet Union."

So the gloomy Nineties view of the rulers of the Soviet Union is that they may be going through the process of *reculer pour mieux sauter* – once the house is in order, they will be an even more *terrible enemy.*

The immediate political outcome of the New Pessisism would logically be that Dukakis would win the presidential election and the National Health Service would become fashionable. Both would represent a turning away from the individualistic, anti-communal sentiments of the Eighties towards a caring, co-operative view of the world. Prechter covers himself against such instant testing of his theories by arguing that, as we are in a transitional phase, there may be temporary reversals of the general trend. Fashion may suddenly become bright again or movies more jolly and inconsequential. The general point remains, however, that we are in for *one terrible crash, a long awakening* to hard reality.

The real problem with all this, however, may be its sheer simplicity: the decades just reverse each other – Fifties down, Sixties up, Seventies down, Eighties up, Nineties down and so on. What is really driving the process may, in fact, be the need to see such patterns; nothing more than the reckless human belief that the future will always, in the last analysis, be like the past.

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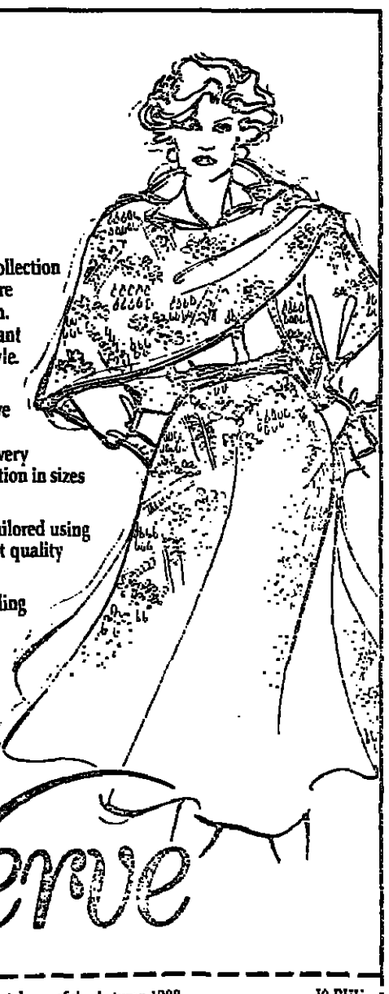
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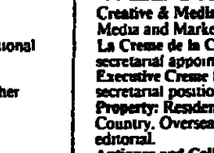
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TRAVEL 1

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TRAVEL NEWS

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Ski runners

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● **Turkey is the latest place to flaunt its snowy flanks to British skiers. In its second season of operation, Club Turkey (01-785 6389) is offering one week half board holidays in Uludag (four hours by road from Istanbul) from £343. A week's liftpass costs £45 and the night life is said to be lively.**

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Fitting choice

The popularity of children's multi-activity adventure holidays has spawned an adult equivalent and a new piece of jargon, the *multi-fitness* holiday. The choice of activities ranges from pole vaulting to steam baths by way of aerobics, golf and squash. Sol Sports (01 446 8500), part of Sol Holidays has launched five new specialist sporting holiday programmes including multi-fitness holidays in Spain and Portugal. Windsurfing, bowls, scuba diving and tennis have separate brochures.

● **Weekend in California for £299 is an offer from TWA (0293 820909) that looks too good to refuse. The price includes return flight to Los Angeles departing Thursday or Friday, and three day's car hire based on four sharing. Accommodation featured in the TWA Getaway brochure costs from £14 a night.**

TRAVEL BOOKS

One lady's letters

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Turkey: before the tourists

Travels of Lady Mary Wortley Montagu **(Century, £16.95) is a collection of these letters. Dervla Murphy, no mean traveller herself, has written a biographical introduction to the book, which is entertainingly illustrated with drawings, prints and water colours from the V & A's Searight Collection.**

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TRAVEL 2

Andrew Powell explores the unspoilt island of Koh Samui in the Gulf of Thailand before tourism inevitably take its toll

A paradise almost lost



IMAGE BANK

Meditation huts on the Big Buddah Beach bask in the shadow of Hin Ngu temple and (right) a family cruise round the island on a motorbike, a journey of only a couple of hours even with stops for sightseeing

Now is the time to discover this idyllic dot in the ocean before anyone else does . . ." That is what the brochure said. I referred the matter to a friend knowledgeable about Thailand. "Koh Samui? Unknown? Not these days! It's where all those yuppies go to retire on their 28th birthdays."

On the plane down from Bangkok, I pondered this opportunity for sociological observation. How precisely did one recognize a yuppy in retirement? Would one find people slumped in hammocks, their heads pillowed by portable fax machines?

Koh Samui is a small island (about 32 miles round) in the Gulf of Thailand. Despite the fact that it has recently been taken up by several travel companies as the new place to enjoy a languid tropical holiday, it is still fairly arduous to get to. First you have to fly from Bangkok to the provincial capital of Surat Thani. There the airline provides a shuttle bus to the port of Donsak, a two-hour drive away, where you catch the ferry over to the island, a crossing which takes a further hour and a half.

Of course none of this was supposed to be necessary by now. A few years ago it was decided in some high place in Bangkok that Koh Samui was ripe for development. At vast expense an airport was duly built, so that tourists could fly non-stop from the nation's capital. Unfortunately when the first plane landed there was a squishy thud, and its wheels left behind some rather embarrassing dents in the tarmac. Since that fateful day the airport has been closed for recriminations.

I surveyed my fellow passengers at the ferry terminal, hoping to spot my first refugee from the money markets. No luck. There were a lot of Thai people who had clearly been on a shopping spree on the mainland and were now going home with the kitchen sink and a good deal else besides. There was also a fair number of young travellers, mostly Australian, who, judging from the depth of their suntans, had already spent two or three months in Bali.

An afternoon shower threw a fine gauze over the landscape, so I decided to wait inside where there was an unpretentious restaurant. At its equivalent in Britain, one might, if fortunate, have been able to buy a cheese sandwich for about £1.75. This being Thailand, I ordered a kaleidoscopic bowl of stir-fried seafood for 30p.

The ferry, when it turned up, was a bit of a shock. It seemed as though it might have begun life 40 or 50 years ago on the Solent. After a lengthy spell in Piraeus, followed by a stint taking pilgrims on the Haj, it had evidently come to spend its declining years in Koh Samui. It looked, in short, like a news story waiting to happen.

There was a lot of juddering and thumping as we edged away from the jetty and flakes of rust drifted down on to the passengers' heads from the ceiling. Still, the view made up for the nagging sense of impending calamity. The coastline of Thailand near Donsak is contorted into the improbable shapes of a Chinese scroll painting, while to the east, the dark, turtle-like bulk of Koh Samui floated in a silvery, shimmering sea.

It was a bit like arriving on a Greek island. Crowds of people with rooms to let were waiting on the quayside to inveigle the travel-weary. A couple of buses tried to reverse into the harbour and men with gold braid had hysterics. Fortunately I had a reservation and quickly found a taxi. By now it was dark, and as there were few street lights the island slipped enigmatically past the windows.

I awoke to find myself in a room looking out on to five miles of white sand called Chaweng Noi. Most of the accommodation on Koh Samui is on the east coast (facing Vietnam), where the best beaches are. I say "accommodation" because although there are only two hotels of any note, there are hundreds of wooden bungalows, put up by the local people, available for rent for just a few pounds a night.

I set off for a pre-breakfast stroll. All along the beach, the palm groves were packed with these simple cottages of unpainted timber. Most had a verandah with a hammock, ideal for long novels. There were only a few people about: doing press-ups, playing frizbee, or swimming idly in a sea as calm as a sheet of Perspex.

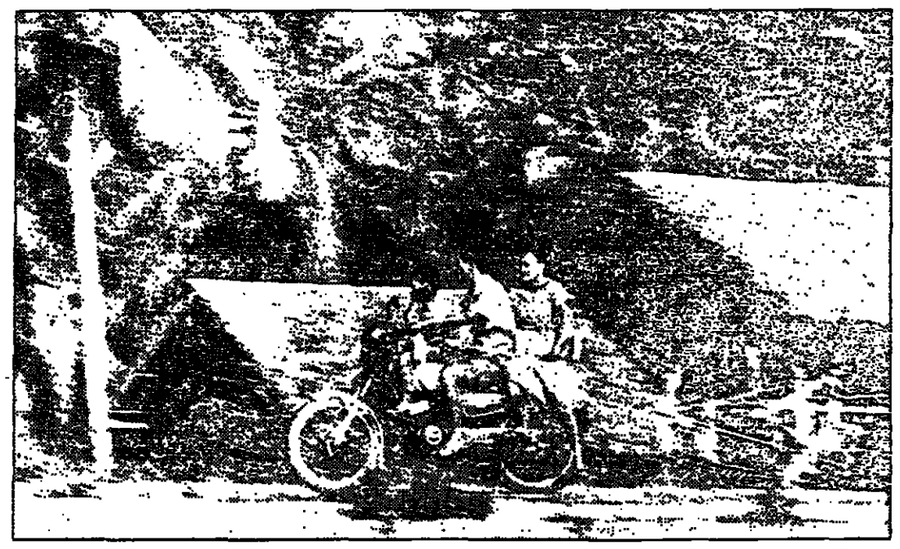
To drive round Koh Samui takes about two hours if you go quite slowly and keep getting out to look at things. Most visitors hire some form of transport as soon as they arrive in order to hunt down the bungalow of their choice. This may be on a big beach like Chaweng Noi or in a secluded fishing village where they are the only foreigners.

I set off in a rather flash Suzuki jeep, which attracted looks of ill-concealed envy from the male half of the population. Such desirable consumer baubles have evidently not been around for long. The landscape of the island is uniformly green and hilly, virtually every square foot of flat land being planted with coconut palms. Copra is still the major source of income and every village has its rust-coloured mountain of husks. There are about 30 major settlements and one town, Na Thon.

Despite the advent of tourism, Koh Samui seems to have retained its air of innocence. So far. Unlike Phuket, Thailand's other holiday island, the inhabitants still appear more amused than annoyed by the curious antics of foreigners. They don't understand them, but they're willing to please. Outside several sedate-looking guest houses there were unobtrusive signs; the sort which in Paignton would say "No Vacancies", here advertised "Magic Mushrooms".

Quite how long this tranquil state of affairs will continue when the runway has been adequately reinforced is a moot point. The construction of a faulty airport has so far resulted in two sizeable modern hotels (The Imperial and Tongsai Bay) both of which, happily, are well-designed, attractive places. However, when the jets begin landing on a daily basis I've little doubt that the Koh Samui Sheraton, Meridien and Holiday Inn will not be long delayed.

For the moment, if you are looking for a relatively inexpensive tropical holiday in languorous surroundings, then Koh Samui has much to recommend it. Two weeks at the best hotel cost approximately half what they would in comparable accommodation in Barbados, most of the beaches are deserted, the sea is clean, and the food, as everywhere in Thailand, is delicious.



But surely there must be some drawbacks? What about the yuppies? Well, despite my friend's forebodings I failed to find any conclusive evidence of their arrival. If capitalism's young champions do indeed come to Koh Samui to rebuild their stress-shattered lives, then I can only think that they quickly succumb to the tropical torpor and begin to look and behave just like everybody else.

TRAVEL NOTES

Travel companies: A number of the leading tour operators now include Koh Samui in their brochures. A two-week package from Speedbird (tel: 01-741 8041), which includes air travel from London, four nights at a hotel in Bangkok and accommodation at The Imperial, Koh Samui, costs £650. A similar package at Tongsai Bay is £915. People wishing to rent an inexpensive beachfront bungalow generally do so on arrival. This way you can choose the one you like the look of best. The likelihood of all the accommodation being full is remote. The Tourist Office in Na Thon will be glad to help.

Climate: The weather on Koh Samui is less predictable than in Phuket, but generally speaking, the driest, sunniest, least humid months are from February to August.

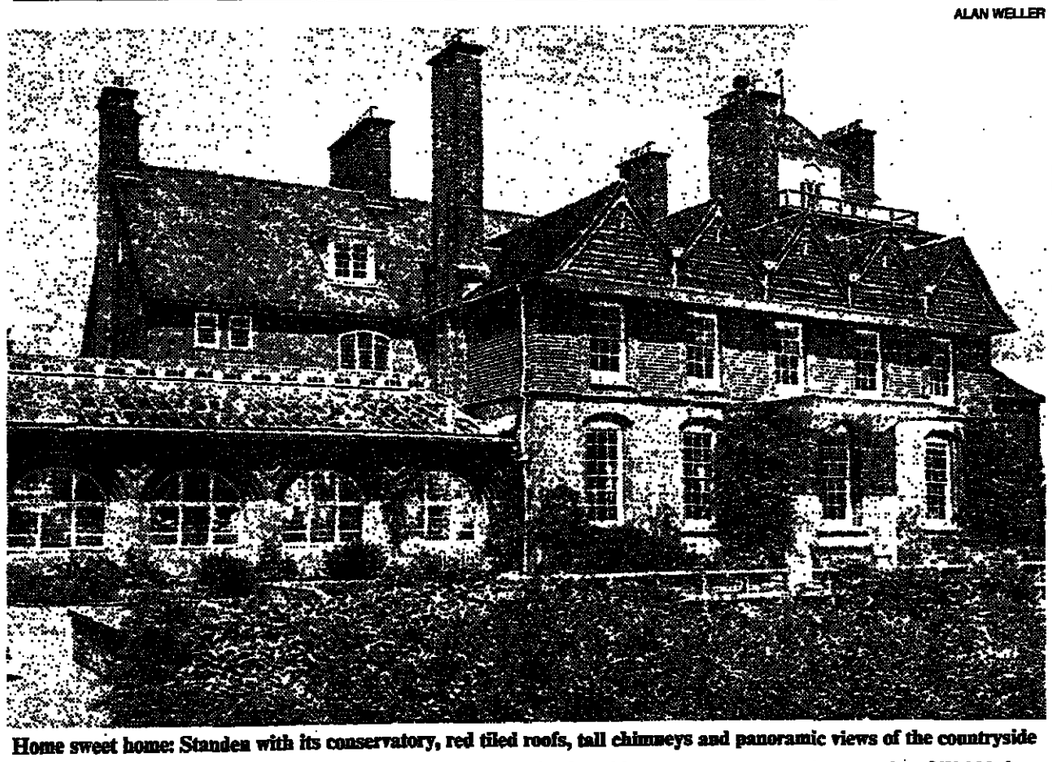
Guidebooks: *Thailand, a travel survival kit*, Lonely Planet Publications, £5.95, contains useful information about Koh Samui and southern Thailand in general.

OUT AND ABOUT

Everybody's stately home

Nigel Andrew visits Standen House in West Sussex, a rambling Victorian family home, which was built by a man who took pride in the commonplace

ALAN WELLER



Home sweet home: Standen with its conservatory, red tiled roofs, tall chimneys and panoramic views of the countryside

Standen is just the house to visit if you feel you have had enough of stately homes for a while. It is the very opposite of the grand ancestral pile with its imperious architectural gestures and awe-inducing interiors.

Standen is the work of a man who said he was never satisfied with a design until it began to look commonplace. Here he aimed to give the impression of an accidental grouping of buildings, something which had evolved over many years, not one man's big idea. Perhaps that is why Standen feels so much like home, the sort of place one would cheerfully move into, given half a chance.

The architect was Philip Webb, a lifelong friend and associate of William Morris, and Standen is the only late work of his to have survived unaltered: it was built between 1892 and 1894. Webb was building on the site of an old farmstead, and typically he not only kept close to the original layout of the buildings, but even retained the ancient Hollybush Farmhouse. It is now linked to Webb's own buildings by an arch, through which you approach the front door of Standen.

It is not an imposing entrance front: it was never intended to be. The south front, at the other side, is scarcely more impressive, with its row of gables and its prospect tower. Webb was aiming for a rambling, organic look, and he built a house for living in, not for gazing at open-mouthed.

In the good old arts and crafts tradition, he used a variety of local materials and traditional techniques – stone from the nearby hillside, tile-hanging and weatherboarding, bricks from Horsham. Over the rather steeply pitched, red-tiled roofs, unusually tall chimneys rise, one of them now leaning at an alarming angle – a consequence of the October hurricane, which also took away many of Standen's trees.

This house was built as a family home, and it still has the feel of one. The family were the Beales – James, a successful solicitor, his artistic wife Margaret, and their children, of whom two daughters lived at the house long after their parents' death. As a result Standen was kept almost entirely unchanged right through to 1972, when Helen Beale bequeathed it to the National Trust. It is now one of its few Victorian properties of great architectural interest.

James Beale's portrait averts its eyes from the green baize in the Standen billiards room. He looks as though he is wondering where all the money went: but this house was worth every penny. The rooms are wonderfully light, uncluttered and airy – in complete contrast to the standard idea of Victorian interior design. White panelling lines the walls, except in the dining room, where the digestion is eased by a restful bluish green.

The simplicity of these interiors is offset by the controlled sumptuousness of William Morris textiles and wallpapers, the intense turquoise and vermilion hues of William de Morgan pottery, patterned tiles, glowing carpets, blue and white china, and furniture tending towards the neo-Georgian – some of it inlaid with an extravagance very far from early arts and crafts ideals.

The line of the walls is broken by niches, bays and cosy little alcoves. Even the light fittings are exquisitely wrought: this house was lit by electricity from the start, and main rooms centrally heated. It was a home in which beauty and comfort were to mingle on equal terms.

Like all good houses of its period, it has a fine conservatory, with a roof of the most elaborate construction, and a flourishing plumbago. The garden and the countryside beyond can be seen in spectacular panoramas from many parts of the house – views worthy of Webb's large and frequent windows.

It is not quite the garden Webb would have wanted, but I loved it. The airy hillside site, bordering fields and woods, the odd little enclosed lawns, the clipped hedges and "olde English" beds, grass alleys and secluded benches – it is easy to imagine the Beales at their leisure here. And very easy to daydream a Standen idyll of one's own. This is, quite unaffectedly, a happy place.

Standen, near East Grinstead, West Sussex, is open till the end of October, Wed-Sun 1.30-5.30pm (last admission 5pm). Admission £2.40, children £1.20. Tel: 0342-23029.

OUTINGS

Rugley Hall's 30th Birthday Party: An extravaganza of music, drama, traditional arts and crafts displays and demonstrations. Tomorrow afternoon "The Archers of *Ambridge*" cricket team is in action.
Ragley Hall, Alcester, Warwickshire (0789 76209). Today, tomorrow 11am-5.30pm. Adult £2.90, Child 1.90.

Eastbourne Maritime Sunday: In the morning sand castle competitions, treasure hunts, Punch and Judy. Supervised free dinghy sailing. Afternoon long distance swimming race, Lifeguard and Lifeboat demonstrations. *RNLI Songs of Praise* in the evening.
The Beach, between bandstand and Wish Tower, Eastbourne, East Susex. Tomorrow 11am to early evening. Free.

Detling Steam and Transport Rally: Traction and showmen's steam engines, veteran vintage cars, buses and motorcycles. Craft and automobilia stands.
Kent County Agricultural Society Showground, Detling, near Maidstone, Kent. Today, tomorrow, 10am to late afternoon. Adult £1.50, accompanied child free. Car park free.

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Whitby Abbey, Whitby, North Yorkshire (0947 603568). Today, tommorow 2.30pm-5pm. Adult £2, Child £1. This evening 7.30pm onwards (take rugs, cushions etc). Admission £3.

Medieval Jousting Tournament: Spectacular costumed display mounted by the Nottingham Jousting Association. Also archery displays by the Bowmen of Bosworth and a musical parade. Refreshments.
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Wiltshire Craft Fair: Demonstrations of many rural and country crafts, trade stands, Old English games, folk dancing and other entertainments. Refreshments.
Longleat, Warminster, Wiltshire, (09853 991). Today, tomorrow 10am-6pm. Adult £2, Child £1.

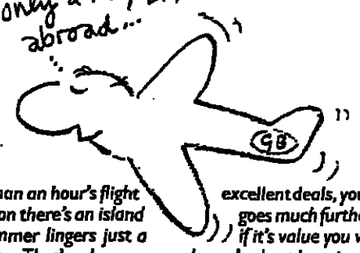
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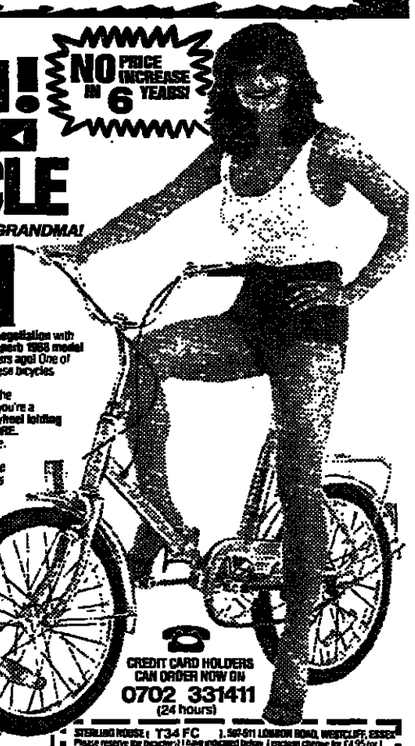
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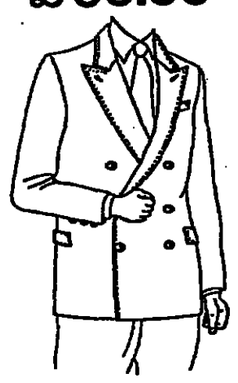
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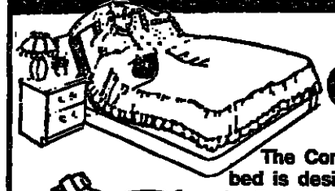


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Fine food in the badlands

Jonathan Meades goes into cowboy country and follows a Japanese trail

FRANCIS MOSLEY



Camberwell is on the edge of cowboy country. To its south and south-east is the sylvan, precipitous, seamless suburbia of Herne and Forest Hills, Honor Oak and Brockley, places which are heaven for the amateur of everyday Victorian domestic buildings (though mostly some sort of hell for the gastronome).

But to Camberwell's north and north-east there are bandits; the late 20th-century equivalents of the noxious rookeries which Dickens despaired of and which Doré drew are to be found in the estates of Walworth and North Peckham. These are jungles. Devotees of such matters will know that it is almost illegal to undertake a bullion robbery in greater London without having at least a few natives of this area on the "firm". Helping with inquiries is a way of life here.

It is still surprising, nevertheless, to discover this alluded to on a restaurant's menu. Vioche in Camberwell Church Street, just down the road from one of the most striking Victorian churches in London, offers — in addition to its two set menus and its carte — a special menu which has to be ordered three days in advance and requires a £30 deposit per head. This is a novel idea and suggests that, as I say, the French management has got the measure of the locale.

Not that any of the trade the night I was there was drawn from the badlands; there wasn't a shooter in sight. It was mostly francophile English middle class and French family groups: indeed I don't think I've ever seen quite so many French people in one London French restaurant at the same time. This should give some indication of the place's nature: it serves unpretentious food of real excellence, in gargantuan quantities and — if you stick to the cheaper menu — at very reasonable prices.

It also offers wines that are to the English taste too young — this, I suppose, can be read as a further token of its authenticity. As in France at this sort of level there is no tasting of wines and there is also the assumption that you may just be able to pour the stuff for yourself. This is altogether to be welcomed, and so is the sweetness of the kir — sweet aperitifs are still the norm in France.

The premises, which formerly housed a goat-curry establishment and before that a dismal wine bar, comprises a split-level ground floor with a conservatory tagged on the back, and a mezzanine from which one can gape down at the tented bar. There's not much décor about: the ceiling is all herringbone fretwork, and the walls are hung with some good prints, including some excellent ones of amphorae.

The chef comes from Sète outside Montpellier and so does much of the music — Georges Brassens plays nonstop. Now, I've loved "Les Copains d'Abord" since I was in my teens, but that doesn't mean that I want to hear it five times in an evening. The cooking is not specifically Sétoin' — that is, it's not mainly piscine, not mainly "Mediterranean". Rather it belongs, roughly, to the deep south west.

The three-day-in-advance menu offers foie gras, the place does cassoulet when the weather is cooler, and it does duck confit all the time. This was particularly fine, a deliciously flavoured and well textured chunk of bird with potatoes cooked in the preserving fat.

This is a classic simple dish of the south-west and one of the best that France, and thus the world, has to offer. Marinaded monkfish and salmon was served in an equally copious amount; the fish was top rate, the salad leaves with it might have been improved by a little vinaigrette; the dish is named in honour of Cap d'Agde, outside Sète. A beef rib for two looked like a beef rib for four. It is presented on a large, plain EPNS oval plate with fried potatoes, courgettes and cauliflower; a "boat" of more or less bordelaise sauce that was as good as the meat was left on the table. The meat is served cut into thick chunks and comes from a butcher who knows his stuff.

The sensible thing would have been to call it a day after such carnal plenitude. But on we went, with a chansson aux pommes, a puff pastry envelope filled with apple pureé, and profiteroles. The former was not quite as special as the menu cracked it up to be — if you have to order sweet at the same time as your first and second courses, you expect something a bit more special. But it is churlish to find any faults with such a heartening establishment, where children are allowed to run about as they wish, and whose staff seem to think it a sound policy not to wage war on the punters.

This is among the most enjoyable suburban restaurants in London and one which should be the model for dozens of others; as it is, it's worth the trip to Camberwell. Two could just get away for £40; with aperitifs, wine, eaux de vie and service you'll pay getting on for twice that.

The same mix of animated informality and excellent cooking characterizes the Japanese Nanten. This sits opposite another of the most striking Victorian churches in London. St James, Spanish Place, may not possess the architectural-historical importance of St Giles, Camberwell, but it is a remarkable bit of work. All the more regrettable then that it is currently being subjected to the wretched process of stone cleaning. Can it be that this act of diocesan vandalism has driven the entire clientele of the restaurant to such single-minded smoking and drinking? Whisky, cigarettes and some delightful food are taken in equal proportions.

The decorative scheme, if it can be so graced, is wildly improvisatory: a cork wall, a plastic sake dispenser on "contemporary" style legs of the late 1950s, carpet tiles on the ceiling, walls from a veneer peddler's sample case, and a wooden wall that has been attacked by a criminally insane chisel owner. Round the walls there are tables and in the centre of the room is a particularly awkward heart-shaped bar.

Talking of which — chicken heart and ox heart yakitoris (grilled skewers) are cooked here, and very good too. There are also chicken gizzard, and beef, and mushroom done by this elemental method. Among the starters is a dish of cod roe marinaded in salt and chilli — its flavour is quintessentially marine in a way that something merely relying on freshness could never achieve; this is concentrated, condensed. It is a cartoon of the sea.

After that there is asparagus, first steamed, then *grilled*. Then two further dishes of the utmost splendour: the best example of belly pork cooked in soy and sake that London can offer; and sashimi of toro tuna. I had never previously understood why this part of the fish's belly is so appreciated. Now I do — it's because it's fondant, rich and oily — like fudge from the ocean.

This sashimi is laid out in a manner that recalls Tanguy's dreamscapes: shredded radish is formed into stalagmites, the plate is strewn with lillies, seaweed, nettles, shells. With one bottle of Kirin beer, some mineral water and lots of tea, the bill was £64 for two.

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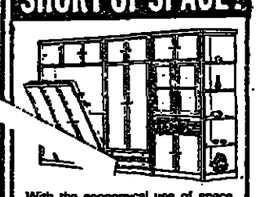
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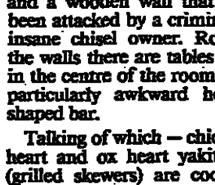
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DIANA LEADBETTER



Frances Bissell with some simple recipes for an impromptu dinner party for one of those rare balmy summer evenings

That gloriously hot Saturday a couple of weeks ago was too good to spend in London. We invited ourselves to friends who have a garden with a sheltered sun-lit terrace which makes a wonderful open-air dining room. And yes, the weather held, and we ate outside. It was an entirely unplanned dinner party, and one of the best we can ever remember.

We pooled our resources, Margaret and I, and shared the cooking. Amazingly, our refrigerators produced complementary ingredients. For starters, we had her bag of mixed salad leaves dressed in walnut oil with the antipasto, really excellent salamis and prosciuttos ready sliced from Marks & Spencer which I had bought for the first time. The Milano was good, the Felino even better. With that we served slices of mozzarella cheese, less good, it has to be said, and sweet tomatoes, also from Marks & Spencer, with shredded basil from Waitrose, since neither of us had particularly prolific basil plants this year.

The main course was a splendid 3lb guard of honour (double rack of lamb) from the specialist butcher counter at Waitrose. I sat it on a bed of lavender, roasted it at maximum heat for 30 minutes, and then let it rest for 20 minutes. Home-grown runner beans and new potatoes — coated in plenty of finely chopped parsley — and a pot of wild service berry jelly, a souvenir of a previous visit to our friends, were served with the tender pink lamb. Pudding was a platter of chilled cherries and a bowl of blueberries and peaches that I had bought at Budgen which I sliced into a syrup of Muscat wine and fresh passion fruit, while Margaret made a sauce of fresh rasperries.

The whole meal had been easy to shop for, and we did not start to prepare it until 7.45 in the evening. Here are some more easy-to-prepare recipes for an impromptu dinner, to eat indoors or out, based on the sort of food you might have in your refrigerator and larder.

The soup is based on a deliciously refreshing one I ate in Bangkok. There it was served with fresh crab meat stirred into it. If you can't get fresh crab, some shelled prawns or small, peeled brown shrimp, added at the last moment, are almost as good. Heat the soup if the weather is cold.

Chilled cucumber and ginger soup
(serves 4)

- 1 large cucumber
- 1 tablespoon sea salt
- 3 spring onions
- 1 tablespoon light oil such as groundnut or sunflower
- 1 inch/2.5 cm chunk peeled fresh ginger or ¼ teaspoon ground ginger
- ½ pint/280 mls water
- 1 pint/570 mls half cream
- grated zest of ½ lime or lemon
- pinch paprika or cayenne
- ¼lb/110g peeled prawns, shrimps or crabmeat

Roughly chop the cucumber and place it in a colander. Sprinkle with the sea salt, and set it to drain over a bowl for 30 minutes. Trim away any damaged outer leaves from the spring onions and slice, using the white part and a little of the green only. Fry gently in the oil until wilted. If using fresh ginger, grate it or shred it in with the onion, or stir in the powdered ginger. Cook for a minute or two longer. Rinse the cucumber, and place it in a blender or food processor. Add all the liquid, the lime or lemon zest and the ginger and spring onions. Process until smooth. Sieve if you wish and serve chilled with a sprinkling of paprika or cayenne and the shellfish.

My next recipe is a less rich version of those hot little parcels of chicken oozing buttery, garlicky juices. These ooze pleasingly with melting strings of mozzarella cheese. Use the best chicken you can find, free-range if available.

Surprise chicken
(serves 4)

- 4 chicken breasts
- ½oz/15g unsalted butter
- 2 to 3 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh tarragon
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- ¼lb/110g mozzarella cheese
- 2 tablespoons white wine or vermouth
- 2 to 3 tablespoons water

Remove the fillet (the loose spear-shaped piece of meat) from each chicken breast and set aside for another dish. With a sharp knife, carefully slice each breast horizontally, down one edge without cutting right through and then open it out flat. Heat the butter in a frying pan, and when brown, fry the inside of the opened out chicken breasts. Once sealed, remove from the pan. Crush the garlic and tarragon with the salt, and spread on the inside of each chicken breast. Thinly slice the mozzarella, and lay the slices inside each breast. Secure closed with cocktail sticks. Fry the chicken breasts on each side for about 5 to 8 minutes. Serve immediately with the pan juices poured over them.

If we had had fresh sardines or other small fish that evening, we would have wrapped them in the vine leaves which grow on our friends' terrace, and baked them in a roasting tin with olive oil and sea salt. Herrings, mackerel and red mullet can also be cooked this way. Fresh vine leaves make a marvellous wrapping for small pieces of meat cooked in the same way, chicken or guinea fowl breasts for example. If you use vacuum packed vine leaves, which are a good store cupboard standby, soak them in water for 20 minutes to wash out some of the brine. Bake the fish in lettuce leaves as an alternative.

Sardines in vine leaves
(serves 4 to 6)

- 12 sardines
- 2 to 3 dozen vine leaves, depending on size
- 2 to 3 tablespoons mustard
- salt, pepper
- 6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

Make sure the scales are removed from the sardines. Blanch the vine leaves in boiling water for two minutes, refresh them under cold water and pat them dry. Spread a little mustard on each sardine and season lightly. Wrap each sardine in vine leaves and arrange them in a single layer in a lightly oiled oven-proof dish. Sprinkle the rest of the olive oil over the parcels and bake in a moderately hot oven for about 25 minutes. Serve hot, cold or perhaps, best of all, just tepid with slices of sweet onion and tomato.

Nectarines in lime honey
(serves 4)

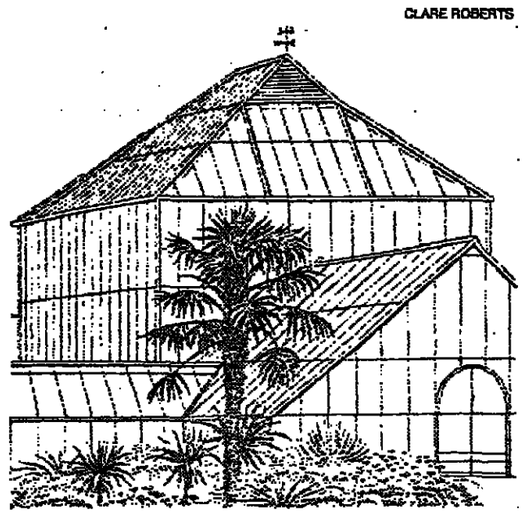
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- 1 lime
- 1lb/455g nectarines

Put the water and the honey in a small saucepan. Grate in the lime zest, and squeeze the juice into the pan. Bring to the boil and stir until well mixed. Slice the nectarines into a bowl, peeled or not, as you wish, and pour on the warm syrup. Refrigerate until required.

GARDENING

Seeking sanctuary with the Cambridge greens

CLARE ROBERTS



Cambridge at this time of year is flooded with visitors, but a pilgrim seeking refreshing green shade has only to cross the canal-like waterway at Hobson's conduit to the south of the town and go through the handsome wrought iron gates into the Cambridge University Botanic Gardens for a feast of horticultural diversity.

Large trees around the boundary give peace and seclusion, and trees and shrubs within the gardens divide the level land into a series of interesting sub-gardens which absorb visitors, so there is rarely any sense of overcrowding. A little stream straddled by plank bridges invites you to inspect the plants on its far banks, such as the dramatic species lobelias. There is a water garden crossed by stepping stones, a scented garden, ecological beds with regionally rare plants, and a reconstructed limestone pavement.

The Reverend John Henslow, who was the moving spirit in establishing the gardens on their present site in 1846, saw it as an ornament to the city as well as an instrument of science. When the gardens were extended to a spacious 40 acres, John Gilmour, who was director from 1951 to 1973, reserved a private five acres for botanical research and experiment, but also initiated new gardens which have become favourites with visitors.

The scheme of chronological beds, showing which plants were grown through the different periods of history, attracts huge attention, while the new winter garden with its dogwoods, willows and fragrant honeysuckles is also a popular feature.

Plans are now well on their way for the Gilmour Building which will house exhibitions and other activities to extend appreciation of plants, botany and horticulture. Nearly half the funds for this enterprise have been found and it is hoped the centre will open next summer, the remaining sum being raised by appeal.

The main event this year has been the reopening of the tropical glasshouses. The new building — in airy, cream-painted steel and aluminium — has been designed to match into the existing network of teak-built 19th century glasshouses so that doors which take you from modern to old buildings also give you passage from tropical to semi-tropical and temperate plant zones.

Although it is a small house compared with Kew, it includes examples of economic importance in a roughly ecological arrangement. There are also small specialist collections. Plant material for these houses has been drawn over the years from collectors and other botanical gardens.

The Cambridge Botanic Gardens is home to several national collections among them the "elephant ear" bergenias, the lady's mantles (*Alchemilla spp*) and European fritillaries. Its tulip collection is the only one in Britain to survive from an earlier government attempt to establish special collections of particular plants. The Botanic Garden is one of the best places for species geraniums. There is a range of scented-leaved kinds in one of the cool glasshouses where a self-sown plant of the rare endemic Canary Island geranium also flourishes. Outside, there is a very full range of the hardy species.

The Madeiran geranium (*Geranium madrense*) is a rarity beginning to be grown by gardeners. It is a large striking plant, its bold finely cut leaves held on long leaf-stalks from a stout red stem. It is monocarpic, which means that it dies after it has flowered (unless it makes a sub-shoot from the stem). It produces seed fairly readily, especially if bees have access to the plant. The Botanic Garden's taxonomist, the geranium expert Dr Peter Yeo, advises that seed is collected as it ripens in early summer, stored in a dry place, and sown in autumn.

The young plants make an unusual amount of growth during the winter, and should be fed and moved on into bigger pots several times. His experience is that in our climate they respond best when treated as a biennial pot plant. In the first year they make a handsome foliage plant and they flower the following spring or early summer. The flower buds will be apparent by the end of January in its flowering year. This is not a hardy geranium, so it must go into a slightly heated greenhouse or conservatory for the winter.

Francesca Greenoak

● The Cambridge University Botanic Garden is about ¾ mile south of the city on the A10 Trumpington Road. Open weekdays 8am-6pm during the summer, 8am-4pm in winter. Sundays 2.30-6.30pm. Glasshouses open all year, 11am-12.30pm and 2-4pm. (Donations for the Gilmour Appeal payable to the University of Cambridge, The Botanic Garden, Cory Lodge, Bateman Street, Cambridge).

WEEKEND TIPS

- **Sow schizanthus (butterfly flower or poor-man's-orchid) to flower in pots next year (min temperature 61°F/16°C).**
- **Prune fan-trained nectarines and peach trees. Take shoots which have *borne fruit* back to replacement shoots.**
- **Prepare the ground if you intend sowing a lawn; dig over, remove weeds and hoe. Thin out greenhouse grapes.**
- **Take fuchsia cuttings from green (non-flowering) shoots. Once rooted, overwinter at not less than 50°F/10°C.**
- **Keep a close watch for aphids and caterpillars on brassica plants. Remove them by hand at the first signs and you will avoid trouble later.**

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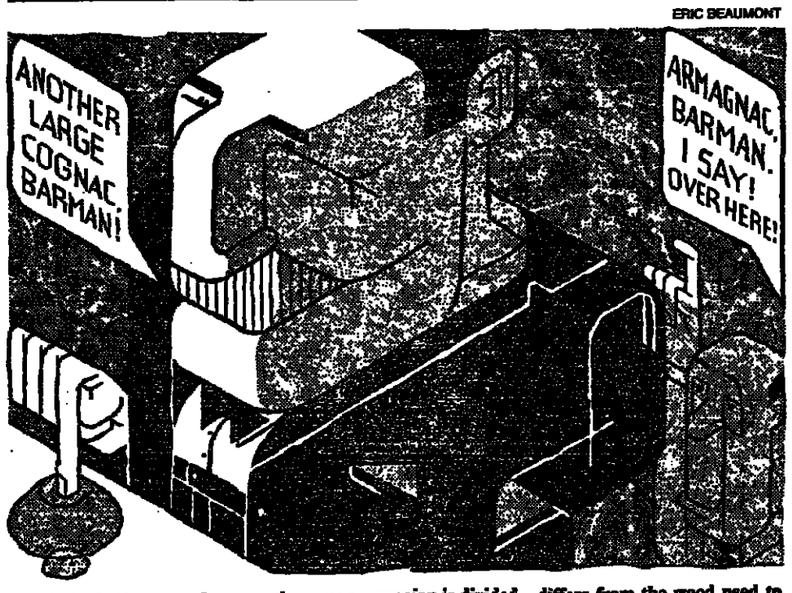
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DRINK

Toast of the ball

Armagnac is making a comeback. **Jane MacQuitty** reports

ERIC BEAUMONT



Poor old armagnac. Like Cinderella it appeared that, after a sudden surge of popularity in the early 1980s, she had, at long last, been invited to the Brandy Ball. Since then, however, armagnac's sales in this country have remained depressingly stationary.

Compared to the paltry 17,000 cases of armagnac that were exported to the United Kingdom in 1980, last year's total of around 50,000 cases looked decidedly rosy. But armagnac sales have danced around that figure for the past three years and trade insiders are convinced that, for the time being, this unique, aromatic and earthy brandy has peaked here.

From my tastebuds' viewpoint, I have always found it hard to understand why armagnac should retain its Cinderella status, when a *digestif* glass of this walnut, prune and violet scented browny-black brandy often offers so much more character and flavour than cognac and the other brandies. On reflection, I think it is precisely armagnac's gutsy, full-flavoured style that has put the Great British Public's palate off. What a pity.

The French, happily for the Armagnaçais, have never considered flavour to be a dirty word, whether it be in their glass or on their plate, and sales of armagnac are therefore greater in France than in the UK. Apart from, arguably, an enhanced flavour, armagnac also has a qualitative advantage over its arch and rather too close for comfort rival, cognac, situated north of Bordeaux while it lies 80 miles to the south.

Unlike sophisticated, popular, well-travelled cognac, Armagnac, buried in quiet, rural, land-locked Gascony, has a much more rustic, primitive image and method of production. What was once deemed, by the now deeply commercially minded and industrially inclined Cognaçais, to be armagnac's greatest problem has evolved into this brandy's biggest advantage.

Several factors separate the pungent delights of the oldest brandy in France, armagnac, from the softer, subtler charms of cognac; its two centuries junior rival. Soil is an important aspect: Gascony's soils are a combination of sand and clay, rather than the classy chalk of Cognac, and the armagnac region is divided into three distinctly different areas, Bas-Armagnac, closest to the Atlantic, then Ténarèze in the centre, girded by the Haut-Armagnac which has now become better known for table wine not armagnac.

The grape varieties grown in Armagnac differ slightly too from those grown in Cognac. True, the Ugni Blanc still accounts for the vast majority of vines grown in both regions but a higher percentage of the flowery Folle Blanche and Colombard grapes are grown in Armagnac.

Armagnac's black veined, sappy Monlezun oak again differs from the wood used to mature cognac, but the most important difference between the two is the distilling methods used. Cognac (and malt whisky) use a refined double distillation method, which takes place in a pot still. Armagnac is produced rather more *rustically and traditionally* in a continuous copper still, known as the *alambic armagnaçais*, a form of still that can be transported round the region, and which yields a heavier, earthier spirit that takes longer to soften and mature.

Since 1972 the Armagnaçais have, confusingly, been allowed to use either distilling method to produce armagnac. Those in favour of the new pot still method of lighter, faster-maturing armagnacs argue that they have both a price and taste advantage over the older, gutsier method. It is still far too early to tell whether the delicate pot still style will eventually be deemed superior. My guess is that the simplistic flavours of pot still armagnac will lose out to the traditionalists, and rightly so.

From a commercial and quality viewpoint, armagnac has some useful ammunition which its arch rival does not: single estate and single vintage armagnacs. Cognac by law, due presumably to its unpoliceable size, is not allowed to bottle the latter and its producers mostly cannot be bothered with the former. Cognac's loss has been armagnac's gain.

Oddbins, quick to pick up the wine or spirit gauntlet that other merchants are afraid to touch, aim to cash in on this. Courageously they have just launched a new baker's dozen of armagnacs, nine of which are new.

I tasted these blind, and in second place — proving the single estate point — came the delicious, 10-year-old Domaine de Plechat, a single vineyard estate wine, whose spicy, flowery scent, backed up by a fine nutty flavour, is excellent value at £12.99. In third place was a single vintage armagnac of the R.A. Salas 1973, whose spicy, gingery bouquet and palate again provides a pleasant glassful (£16.99). Top of the tasting came the 1974 Domaine de Mouchac from Jaunean whose walnuts and violets scent, backed up by a rich velvety palate, is everything a great armagnac and a great brandy should be (£32.99).

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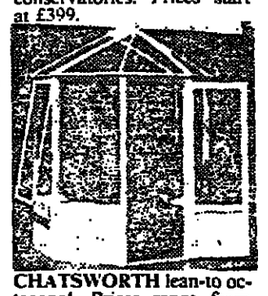


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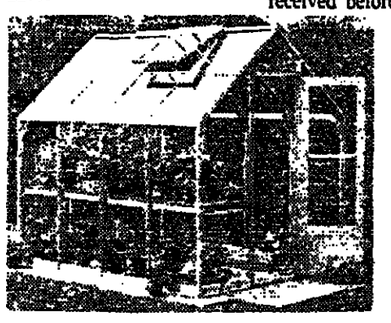
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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Nice chap, pity about the films

Herschell Gordon Lewis has now made a fortune selling those spectacularly tasteless "collectors" plates that are advertised in colour supplements. Twenty years ago, however, he aspired to wealth and won his place in history by a more daring venture in the field of aesthetic degradation, the production of very bad horror films.

In *The Incredibly Strange Film Show* (Channel 4), Jonathan Ross introduced us to the charming man whose movies were too disgusting ever to be passed by the British censor. They went down a bomb in the drive-ins of southern America, screened in the presence of phoney nurses and trailed by dire warnings that those with weak hearts should leave the theatre immediately.

The programme tried to illustrate the interviews with clips from such classics as *Blood Feast*, *Colour Me Blood Red* or *She Devils on Wheels*, sequences which should have featured disembowelling, dismemberment, cannibalism and worse, but were obliged to cut away as soon as the going got gory.

Verbal descriptions alone testified to the appeal of the famous tongue-ripping scene, which ended with a dangling lamb's organ and an actress spitting strawberry jam (with chunks in it).

Production values in these films were not high. "The acting is best described as primitive," Ross ventured. "I think that's a euphemism," the lovable rogue replied. Maturity and veneration by film buffs had done nothing to dull his sense of humour.

The devil still has the best tunes, the best worst movies and, alas, the most articulate intellectuals. *Right Talk* (Channel 4) should have carried a Government health warning — it must surely damage the Government's health to reveal the strange species which swim around its think tanks. Only Judge Michael Argyle could have been accused of concise, logical expression in this shapeless, overheated and disappointingly negative debate on the obligation of citizenship. The only point of agreement was that the Sixties in general and people like Gordon Lewis in particular have a lot to answer for.

Celia Brayfield

The success story so far

GEMMA LEVINE



Lloyd Webber: "Musicals are the most difficult thing in the theatre to get right, they don't work to formula"

Andrew Lloyd Webber talks to Sheridan Morley about the British musical, and his next project, *Aspects of Love*

In a year which has already seen the collapse of *Carrie*, *Winnie*, of *Chess* on Broadway, and now *Ziegfeld* under death sentence in the West End, the fact has to be faced that, insofar as there is a British musical theatre still buoyant, it is Andrew Lloyd Webber. Webber is only 40, and his first musical hit with Tim Rice, *Joseph & The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* is 21. In the two intervening decades, with or without Rice, Lloyd Webber has had one musical flop (*Jeeves*, written with Alan Ayckbourn and well worth another look) and six marathon hits (*Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Evita*, *Cats*, *Song and Dance*, *Starlight Express* and *Phantom of the Opera*. He need never work again.

Luckily, he cannot imagine any kind of a life away from the musical theatre, and that more than anything else explains his separation from Rice. "Tim is a brilliantly talented lyricist with a real fear of being extended by a show to the point of inconvenience. He really does now seem to find musicals too much trouble and too much work, but if they don't occupy you obsessively for 24 hours a day, then you can't do them. The morning after *Phantom* opened in London two years ago, I read the reviews, and realized that my wife, Sarah, would be working in it that night and therefore I'd have no one to dine with. So I went to work on the next show.

"In America it has always been traditional for directors and composers and lyricists to have first production meetings on their next project the morning after a first night, in order to overcome bad reviews or avoid relaxing on good ones. That seems admirable."

The show that has occupied Lloyd Webber since *Phantom*, two years ago, is *Aspects of Love*, a musical of the David Garnett novel of 1955 about a quintet of inter-related lovers in the South of France. Thus far, the musical has been seen only by an audience of 50 or so invited guests at Lloyd Webber's summer Sydmonton Festival, but on that work-in-progress evidence it is a remarkable and lyrical love story situated somewhere halfway between *Gigi* and *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*. The plan now is for Trevor Nunn to start directing a cast which may well include Albert Finney, for a West End première somewhere around next April.

"It was given to Tim Rice by someone who wanted to make a film of it; that never happened, so Tim and I began around the time of *Evita* trying, without much success, to get to grips with it as a musical. I couldn't really do it at all until, with *Requiem* and then *Phantom*, I found a way of writing for fully operatic voices rather than pure chest singers. In the meantime Tim gave it up, and then around the time of *Cats* I tried it again with Trevor Nunn and that really didn't work either. Finally I had the idea of bringing together Charlie Hart, with whom I'd written *Phantom*, and Don Black, with whom I'd written *Tell Me on a Sunday*. Somehow that combination did work out."

Coming after *Phantom* and *Cats*, the first thing noticeable about *Aspects of Love* is its sheer intimacy, distinguishing it from the spectacular shows of the past.

"I've always wanted to change direction sharply after each score: *Jeeves* was a totally English reaction to the biblical enormity of *Superstar*, and after the Eva Peron story I deliberately chose a totally anonymous heroine for *Tell Me on a Sunday*. It's no good repeating yourself. Because we've had a marvellous decade with *Cats* and *Phantom*, everyone suddenly thought that musicals must be easy if I could do them, so then we get a year of *Carrie* and *Winnie*. The truth is that musicals are the most difficult thing in the theatre to get right, and that they don't work to any formula.

"*Aspects of Love* is like mercury: every time you read it again you realize there's something that has somehow slipped through the score, which is one that I've been working on periodically for a decade. I even got one song, "Married Man", recorded privately by Sarah (Brightman), but we never released it because I was going through my divorce from the first Sarah at the time, and the lawyers thought it might be construed as tasteless.

So I used the theme for "Music of the Night" in *Phantom*, and I had to work the high romanticism of that score out of my system before I could really come to terms with the more complex and cynical *Aspects of Love*.

"Garnett himself was really the old man in the book and also the boy; so you have a sort of double-autobiography about a man obsessed by cats and wine and girls, though I'd rather we didn't explore that analogy in too much more detail.

"Our main problems now are finding the right theatre and a central cast of five, ranging from a girl of 12 to a man of 78: there is a missing generation in the British musical theatre, singers and dancers who were already too old to benefit from the revolution that Gillian Lynne — who is still the most underrated choreographer in the business — wrought with *Cats*. That was when we learnt we could sing and dance and challenge Broadway, but it wasn't until 10 years ago.

"Audiences now have learned to *live with* the operatic form. Indeed, opera has been the one great growth area in the London theatre over the past few months. Continuous music is, thank God, no longer any kind of a barrier. We've sold two million albums of *Phantom*, and if you still think that's a scenery epic, look at its last 20 minutes, where there are only three characters and virtually no staging of any kind. There's intimacy in that, too."

Aspects of Love represents an altogether different kind of challenge to its box-office: the book remains very little-known outside its original Bloomsbury readership, and one *South Bank Show* of over a decade ago, and its last line ("Hand me the wine and the dice, and perish the thought of tomorrow") is not the usual kind of finale.

"We're asking a lot, and we're in unknown territory: but it's surprising how far you can take an audience with you if you lead them into a show gently.

The whole beginning of *Cats* is a mock fugue, but if anybody ever realized that, I would have failed at my job. Before that show, people thought the British were terminally incapable of doing musicals, and that Tim and I had been a lucky kind of aberration: now perceptions have changed.

"If you are, like me, terminally in love with the musical theatre, then of course you have to worry about its future on both sides of the Atlantic. There is no real rivalry: if there had been, we wouldn't have won seven Tony awards with *Phantom*. The Equity row over Sarah's admission was unfortunate, but we knew that we really hadn't got a show without her, because that kind of European vulnerability just doesn't seem to exist on Broadway.

"But, just as she was perfect for Christine, so she'd be wildly unsuitable for *Aspects of Love* and luckily she was the first to realize that. Her plan now is to film the Jessie Matthews story, and then maybe we'll get together again on a stage musical after that. But for the next year at least, it's all *Aspects*."

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

CONCERT

USSR SO/Svetlanov
Usher Hall

There was a sense of despe outside the Usher Hall last even the busking violinis moved from his usual sp avoid being trampled unc by the long queue awaiti turns. British audiences are not used to playing like this

Critical superlatives can versely, reduce the credibi the excellence they set t describe. But the State Orc of the USSR under Ye Svetlanov is continuing to performances of discipline, ination and insight to the Fe

Thursday was the tu Svetlanov's own speciality, kovsky. He artfully chose n *Pathétique*, not the Fifth, b frequently shunned Third, just as he had done Rachmaninov First two ago, set out to persuad listeners to re-examine responses.

Because Svetlanov has s sound, and deeply respec understanding of Tchaiko every inventive move, th never any need for the s interpretive imposition whi often makes melodrama out composer's natural dramat stinct. Warmth of phrasing a erated first from truthfulne melodic contour; a *forte* c point is less a matter of dyn than a sum of many, many p

Knowing there is nothi persuasive as a virtuoso p mance of lightweight music. lanov preceded the Tchaik by a reading of Proko "Classical" Symphony whic ulted in its own wit, an Glinka's little Symphony on Russian Themes.

At the start of the concert h revealed the sensitivity of Sh kovich's arrangement of M orgsky's *Khovanshchina* ove and at the start of the day compatriots, the Shostak Quartet, had honoured the poser no less in performanc second and third quartets w confirmed the revelatory natt their continuing cycle.

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TOMORROW

Complex drama of lust in the dust

LONDON THEATRE

Oedipus
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Motherly love: Julie Legrand and John Shrapnel in Seneca's *Oed*

This is not the majestic original by Sophocles, but the Latin adaptation by Seneca, when omens, witchcraft and a fascination with drooling ghosts had become an essential part of the cultural scene.

Donald Sumpter's production for the RSC uses only five actors, who come together to speak the Chorus passages; and John Shrapnel plays Oedipus and the Messenger who comes on near the end to describe exactly how Oedipus has been blinding himself.

The cast never leave the stage, brightly lit but with dust hanging in the air, the impure air of Thebes. The curving brickwork behind them could be a sun-washed Mediterranean wall.

Seneca's version makes two long additions to the Sophocles, both of them appealing to the lurid tastes of his day. Tiresias (Trevor Martin) is presented as ignorant of Oedipus's future and must find it in the entrails of a heifer. This is the function of his daughter, Manto (Sally George), to be his eyes and describe the sacrifice in flesh-creeping detail.

Her speaking of Ted Hughes's gritty and gory translation constructs a picture in our minds but can never deepen our concern for Oedipus. The rituals lie outside the possibility of our belief and nothing Hughes can make of Seneca's anatomical rhetoric allows us just to sit back and rest on the poetry.

The second addition is the conjuring up of dead Laius to name his murderer, and this is a dramatic miscalculation that fatally reduces Oedipus's stature from heroic questioner to victim of an infernal copper's nark. Creon describes the ghost, but Phil Daniels speaks Creon in an unattractively flat and colourless voice, as though unfamiliar with the resonance of his words. It is a dull delivery that contrasts with the rage he imparts to Laius, but this is too heavy a price to pay.

Shrapnel's presence has a fierce intelligence. He is a man who could wield power without distress, and his voice cleaves the like a flashing spear, or grinds a rasp against opposition. As is not Sophocles, there is no for it to be a plane or d something that goes on and o the same important point unt yields. Interestingly, there is a curve to one of his smiles hints at a fuller awareness than words let on.

Julie Legrand's delic enunciation of the lines where explores feelings of tenderness a long-lost son provides the pl one expression of genuine te feeling (it is not in Sophocles). production of this rarity turns to be an interesting experie but not a profound one.

Jeremy Kingston

The glory of the laud

PROMENADE CONCERT

St Matthew Passion
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Amid the controversy caused by Mr Scorsese's celluloid crucifixion, it should not be forgotten how tolerant the faithful sometimes are, or perhaps were. Bach wrote his *St Matthew Passion*, for instance, for a Lutheran stronghold on its most solemn day, yet he was allowed incredible interpretative leeway. Half the work is not "Gospel truth" at all, but a highly-charged, subjective Pietist gloss on the Passion story by Picander.

It is this contemplative element which makes the *St Matthew* so difficult to pace and sustain. That problem was triumphantly solved in this superb performance.

The quality of the solo singing and instrumental playing certainly helped. Anthony Rolfe-Johnson was in matchless form as the Evangelist; Olaf Bär and Cornelius Hauptmann lavished great care on the bass arias; and also outstanding was the counter-tenor Michael Chance, who combined with Elizabeth Wilcox's sensuous violin obligato to produce an "Erbarme dich" of great dignity. Andreas Schmidt still sounded too lightweight to be an authorita Christus, but his pleasant tim suited the sinuous, delicate strumental textures of the Eng Baroque Soloists.

John Eliot Gardiner's bi dance-like way with some choruses, replete with characti tic changes to staccato artic tion, came as no real surprise; did his generally rather asc treatment of the chorales, especially, the superbly alert sponse of the Monteverdi Ch Some crucial passages still s too matter-of-fact in treatm notably the "Is it I?" sequel But other dramatic mome were seized on vividly.

Richard Morris

CHESS

Deadly rivals

As I write, Gary Kasparov, Anatoly Karpov and Valery Salov are involved in a tremendous struggle to determine victory in one of the strongest ever Soviet Championships. This year, the championship was a mammoth 18 player all-play-all-tournament, where great masters such as Smyslov, Jusupov, Vaganian, Beliavsky and Sokolov were to be found further down the lists.

With the championship three quarters over, a tie between those deadly and perennial rivals, Kasparov and Karpov seemed a perfectly plausible result. Would it not be a delicious irony if these two, who have contested no less than 120 match games for the world title, were now obliged to play yet another match to resolve the championship of their home country?

This week's game is a typically crisp and incisive effort by the World Champion against one of the lesser lights in the championship.

White: G. Kasparov; Black: I. Smirrin; USSR Championship, Moscow, August 1988. King's Indian Defence.

1 Nf3	Nf6	2 c4	g6
3 Nc3	Bg7	4 e4	d6
5 d4	0-0	6 Be2	e5
7 0-0	Nc6	8 d5	Ne7
9 Nd2	a5		

Recognized as one of the main lines of the King's Indian Defence, the variation on the board indicates that White will strive to seize the initiative on the Queen's side while Black will seek to strike back on the other wing.

10 a3

A more vigorous prosecution of White's Queen's side offensive than was seen in the earlier game Karpov-Kasparov (Game 17) from their match for the world championship in Seville last year. At that time Karpov proceeded more cautiously with 10 b3 c5 11 a3 Ne8 12 Rb1 f5 and only now 13 b4, the key move of the White advance.

10 . . .	Nd7	11 Rb1	f5
12 b4	b6	13 f3	f4
14 Na4	axb4	15 axb4	g5
16 c5	Nf6	17 cxd6	cxd6
18 b5	Bd7	19 Nc4	Nc8
20 Ba3	Ne8	21 g4	

Having established dominance on the left wing, Kasparov seals up the King's side to reduce possible Black counterchances in that sector. Smirrin has little choice but to capture en passant, otherwise he would be suffocated without resistence.

21 . . fx	g3 ep	22 hxg3	g4
23 Bc1			

A fine move. Kasparov adapts to the changed situation and prepares to divert his attention to the King's wing. In particular, he wishes to prevent Black from playing. . . Bh6.

23 . . .	gxf3	24 Bxf3	Nf6
25 Bg5	Ra7	26 Rf2	Rb7
27 Rb3	Ra7	28 Rb1	Rb7
29 Rb3	Ra7	30 Rb4!	

With this move Kasparov dashes any hopes Black might have harboured of achieving a draw by repetition of position. The text prepares a profound pawn sacrifice whereby White switches the decisive field of conflict towards the Black King.

30 . . . Kh8 31 Qf1

Intensifying his pressure against the pinned Black Knight on f6 and simultaneously offering a pawn which Black would have been best advised to decline.

31 . . . Bxb5

Black snaps at the bait, perhaps in the erroneous belief that Kasparov had overlooked the possibility of this trick.

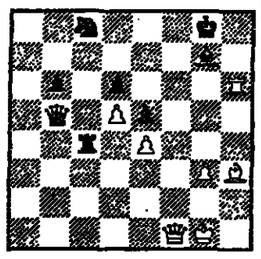
32 Rxb5	Rxc4	33 Bg2	h6
34 Bh4	Qe8		

The only way to unpin, but now Kasparov unleashes a combinational storm which sweeps away Black's lines of defence.

35 Bxf6	Rxf6	36 Rxf6	Qxb5
37 Re6	Kg8		

If 37. . . Qxc4 38 Re8+ wins or 37. . . Rxc4 38 Qf7 with a decisive attack.

38 Bh3 Rxc4 39 Rxh6!!



Kasparov has sacrificed a Knight and now a Rook in most brilliant fashion. Black cannot avoid being checkmated.

39 . . .	Bxh6	40 Be6+	Kh8
41 Qf6+			

Black resigns.

If 41 . . . Bg7 42 Qh4+ or 41 . . . Kh7 42 Qf7+ Bg7 43 Bf5+ Kh8 44 Qh5+ Kg8 45 Be6+ with mate to follow. A wonderful tour de force of creative imagination by the World Champion.

Raymond Keene

● The World Championship Quarter Final match between *Nigel Short and Jon Speelman* continues at London's Barbican Centre this week. Pilkington Glass are providing a generous prize fund of £20,000. Tickets, costing £5 per round, can be ordered from 01-638 8891, the Barbican Box Office.

BRIDGE

My next trick

Foretelling the future is a tricky business, be it to advise heads of state or forecast the weather. Some years ago *Old Flint's Almanac* scored a lucky double, correctly predicting the greater influence of Strong Pass systems and the growth of bridge on television.

This time my crystal ball has revealed a real surprise: before the end of the century, Pairs events will disappear at world championship level.

Fortune tellers do not explain their predictions, but I am going to do so. Some months ago, Jimmy Ortiz-Patino, the former President of the World Bridge Federation, stated in an interview with Henry Francis, the editor of the *ACBL Bulletin*, that he believed money prizes led to a decline in ethical standards. Later in the same interview he amplified that observation, saying that he had no objection to prestigious events with considerable prize money.

Unfortunately Francis did not pursue this apparent inconsistency. If pressed, I believe Ortiz-Patino would have conceded that his antipathy was directed to *Pairs* events with money prizes. In my experience, the money is largely irrelevant; the flaw is endemic to the Pairs game. After all, it was in America, where there are no money prizes, that it was thought necessary to introduce closed circuit television to prevent a variety of undesirable practices.

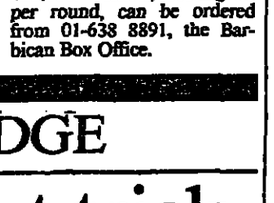
In a Pairs tournament some years ago I played two hands against an amiable if sychophantic acquaintance. Although a fair player, by a series of incapable manoeuvres he presented me with two tops. Later I asked him what he thought he was doing. "We were out of contention, so I thought I might help you." Luckily I was also out of the running, so it made no difference.

At World Championship level, clumsy collusion of this type is rare. But some malpractices which would be all too obvious in a long Team match could pass unnoticed at Pairs.

Another flaw in the World Championship Pairs is posed by systems. It may be reasonable in a long match to expect the opposition to spend hours devising a defence to systems of maze-like complexity. In a Pairs contest, it is not. This has been recognized. The unanswerable question is, where do you draw the line?

If, as they probably do, economic considerations preclude more than one World Championship meeting a year, it would surely be better to abolish the World Pairs in favour of an annual Team Championship. It is a pity, because duplicate Pairs introduces some novel considerations which lead to keen play.

Pairs
North-South Game
Dealer South



Suppose that as South, having imprudently opened the bidding, you arrive in four hearts. West leads the ◇Q, and dummy's ◇K loses to the Ace. The defenders take two diamonds and force you to ruff a third. How would you proceed?

The first thing to appreciate is that at most tables where North will be declarer, one of South's diamonds can be discarded on the third round of spades. It follows that if you play the club suit in the normal manner, you will inevitably make one trick less than the rest of the field. Your only hope of a fair score is to take the backward club finesse. On this hand it would work, which, considering your ill-advised opening bid, is better than you deserve.

Jeremy Flint

REVIEW

A taste of honey

ROCK RECORDS

Womack & Womack: Conscience (4th & Broadway BRCD 519)
Brian Wilson: Love and Mercy (Sire 925 669)

There are days, listening to the new releases, when you think you're never going to hear a real snare-drum again. Does this matter? It's 1988, after all, and by this stage of the sample-and-hold game it might seem merely cloddish to object to push-button music making. A little while ago, though, it was hard not to feel a sudden glow of agreement with Tom Waits when he said: "If I want a sound, I usually feel better if I've chased it and killed it, skinned it and cooked it."

Cecil and Linda Womack's first album for the 4th & Broadway label is an album of soul music for people bored by the sort of neutered, deracinated pap purveyed by people like Alexander O'Neal on the one hand, and the mindless excesses of the hip-hop hooligans on the other. Most of the time, Conscience evokes a time when honest voices, fine rhythm sections and songs with meaning seemed more important than album-sleeve credits for hairdressers and accountants.

Although the Womacks were taken up by the British soul audience a couple of seasons back, enjoying popularity with such songs as "Love Wars" and "Strange and Funny", their career has subsequently faltered. *Conscience* represents a return to their best form, reinforcing a belief that the honey-and-sandpaper blend of their voices is as unusual and effective as any of the soul idiom's many man-woman partnerships.

Some of the credit for this renaissance is probably due to Chris Blackwell, their co-producer. The chairman of Island Records is not generally thought of as a studio *auteur*, but his work with Bob Marley and Grace Jones has always shown an ability to help musicians create rhythm tracks that are at once steamy and sophisticated yet retain a *human sense of space that too* often gets crowded out in today's computer mixes, where the temptation to fill every millimetre of multi-track tape is seldom resisted.

CAROL FRIEDMAN



The Womacks: evoking a time of honest voices, fine rhythm sections and songs with meaning

The backgrounds to such Womack and Womack songs as "Conscience of My Conscience" and the irresistible "Teardrops", fabricated from acoustic guitars, subtle bass lines and snickering auxiliary percussion, breathe with the *sensual nonchalance that* is the trademark of Blackwell's best productions.

The Womacks turn in a great deal of admirably soulful singing and several good songs (the exceptions are Linda's vapid "I Am Love" and Cecil's cliched "Celebrate the World"). To any soul fan who laments the way that the essential emotional legacy of the blues has been squeezed out of contemporary music, *this will probably be the most* significant album of the year.

Brian Wilson's Love and Mercy has been sitting on my turntable for several weeks, enduring the sort of scrutiny to which only one's oldest and dearest favourites – Miles Davis, say, or Bob Dylan – are subjected. Some of us have waited almost 20 years for the first solo album by the creative genius behind the Beach Boys; his tragic (and unduly well publicized) personal problems over the years eventually made even his most indulgent admirers despair. Here at last, though, is the *album that is supposed to pick* up where Wilson left off in 1967, after the psychological collapse and prolonged incapacitation which followed his twin masterpieces, *Pet Sounds* and the aborted *Smile*.

It must be said that *Love and Mercy* lacks the richly chromatic ballad melodies that made *Pet Sounds* such a poignant ultimate expression of Sixties teenagehood; nor does it attempt the oblique complexities of the surviving *Smile* fragments. Wilson's voice, too, long ago lost its innocent choirboy falsetto, deepening into a raw, edgy *tenor. But* "Melt Away" and "There's So Many" are superb love songs, with arrangements that intelligently reflect rather than slavishly imitate the brilliant inventions of his great days; "Night Time" is a hard-driving rocker in the R&B-influenced mould of "Wild Honey"; the a cappella "One for the Boys" is a charming fragment evoking the Beach Boys' old "Our Prayer"; and "Rio Grande", an extended piece making use of sound effects and collage techniques, includes one section where words and music rise above the general level of *functional excellence to ap*proach the sort of poetic elegance that Wilson used to achieve with Van Dyke Parks, his cleverest collaborator in the Sixties, on such pieces as "Heroes and Villains" and "Surf's Up". There is life here, and hope, and that is something worth celebrating.

Richard Williams

Battle of oinks to sound of Strauss

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Strauss: Der Zigeunerbaron Schwarzkopf/Gedda/Prey /Kunz. Philharmonia Orch./Ackermann. EMI CHS 7 69526 2 (2 CDs)
Varady/Protschka/Fischer-Dieskau/Berry. Bavarian Radio Orch./Boskovsky. EMI CDS 7 49231 8 (2 CDs)

It may seem something of an extravagance on the part of EMI to release rival versions of Johann Strauss's *Der Zigeunerbaron* on CD within a couple of weeks of one another. But one set is the last of that series of glorious operetta recordings Elisabeth Schwarzkopf made with the Philharmonia and Otto Ackermann in the mid Fifties, with the guiding hand of Walter Legge ever there to cast and to control.

This is their first appearance on CD. The single disc of *Eine Nacht in Venedig* (CDH 7 69530 2) is particularly recommended: excellent value with virtually 80 minutes' playing time, Gedda supreme as the Duke and Schwarzkopf herself at her creamiest as Annina. She shines a little less radiantly in the '58 recording of *Zigeunerbaron* because the role of Saffi is not exactly made for her. It is hard to image Schwarzkopf, even 30 years ago, as a poor gypsy child ["'Ein arm' Zigeunerkind"], although Saffi does turn out to be the daughter of the last pasha of Hungary at the end of Act II.

She is, in fact, outsung in this particular work by the expert operetta team of Kunz, Gedda and Köth which Walter Legge gathered around her. Gedda is very much the romantic hero as Sandor Barinkay, who returns home to find his estates in poor nick. He handles the opening aria, in which Barinkay tells what he has been up to these last few years, with disarming Straussian grace.

The young Hermann Prey cuts a nippy military figure as the recruiting officer who comes to round up a few villagers to help fight the Spaniards. But best of all is Kunz as the pig-farmer Zsupan, using the best of diction and the broadest of accents, but leaving the orchestra to fill in the noises made by his charges.

The Philharmonia Chorus begin by sounding a bit like the ladies and gentlemen from the D'Oyly Carte, but Ackermann ends by persuading them that this is the most Hungarian of Strauss's operettas.

Maybe it is Julia Varady's Transylvanian upbringing that makes her a much more natural Saffi on the Boskovsky set made in Munich last year. The smoky quality in her soprano gives a touch of authenticity to "O habet acht", the number in which Saffi hands out her gypsy's warning. But elsewhere the Boskovsky battalion cannot compare with the Legge legion.

Josef Protschka's Barinkay sounds provincial by the side of Gedda, Walter Berry's Zsupan is a bit crude – he includes the vocal oinks – and Fischer-Dieskau's Homonay, while patrician enough, sounds as though he might have run out of puff by the time he gets to the sunny Spanish shore.

Boskovsky is uncharacteristically heavy-handed in places. But he does give us a fuller acount of the score than Ackermann and on the new set *the spoken dialogue*, mercifully *quite* brief, is better handled. And EMI's geography has improved: in 1958 *Der Zigeunerbaron* was set "near the Hungarian village of Banat", that at least has now been corrected.

John Higgins

Smoking gun of a rising star

The Robert Cray Band: Don't be Afraid of the Dark (Mercury 834 923-2)

*Although with the million-*selling *Strong Persuader* Robert Cray has already outstripped every conventional expectation of the career curve of a blues performer, his fifth album, Don't be Afraid of the Dark, suggests that he has further to rise yet.

The Memphis Horns, who recently featured at No.1 in the American singles chart on Steve Winwood's Stax pastiche, "Roll With It", are much in evidence: shoring up the tuneful groove of the title track, rising above the choppy minor chords of "Your Secret's Safe with Me" and leading the way on a gorgeous, achingly slow sub-Otis Redding soul lament, "At Last".

There is a touch of the *Springsteens in the admirable* way that Cray, the newly-risen star, still has the same intensely loyal crew gathered around him, and still bills his



Robert Cray: quality control

act in roadhouse style as the Robert Cray Band. The rapport he now has with his *henchmen, Richard Cousins* (bass), David Olson (drums) and Peter Boe (keyboards) is little short of telepathic, while the production team of Bruce Bromberg and Dennis Walker once again calls forth the bright, precise sound that has become Cray's hallmark.

In some respects this strenuous emphasis on quality control runs counter to the guitarist's artistic provenance, and it is a delight to hear him loosen up on the more relaxed, old-style shuffle, "Across The Line". But the darkly emotional content of the lyrics – which are often written for *him and usually include the* words "midnight" and "woman" – and Cray's tremendously original way with a riff, forestall any hint of a diluted vision.

The man's gun is still smoking.

David Sinclair

Belly laughs from a travelling man

PAPERBACKS

Playing for Time by Jeremy Lewis (Flamingo, £3.95)

Anyone who writes his autobiography in his late 40s commits an act of presumption. What could he possibly have to say that is at all valuable? Jeremy Lewis is too shrewd an observer of human nature to ignore such a charge and reproach.

He is entirely self-depreciating: he describes himself variously as large, lumpish, lardlike, blond, "very conspicuous and irredeemably Anglo-Saxon", and the sort of person who has failed O level maths four times. The excuse for writing his personal reminiscences is simply amusement, his own and ours – although he would not dream of saying so.

Playing for Time covers Jeremy Lewis's life through the trials and terrors of prep and public school, his sojourn in Ireland at Trinity College, Dublin, that "ancient and undemanding university"; through his first seduction – a very funny scene "and when it was over, and we lay beside each other in that narrow crumpled bed, I raised one arm in the air in exaltation, like a runner coasting home, or one who has seen the light acclaiming the New Messiah"; and through his first few days at work for a publishing firm.

He excels at vivid, nostalgic period sketches of the Fifties and Sixties, among them one of himself togged up in a nut-brown, bum-freezing suede jacket, and "blue and white Ted Heath sailing shoes".

He describes in a torrent of hilarious turns of phrase the observations of his keen eye for detail. In a Dublin pub he *meets a well-upholstered man*ager "the roll of fat hanging over the back of his collar like a raw sausage that had been taped to the nape of his neck". There in Dublin, which "exuded a sour smell of stale beer and old socks", at the same pub he discovered "to my great delight, the snapped-off head of a tooth brush in my steak and kidney pie".

An elderly Yorkshire terrier belonging to one of his landladies, reeks unpleasantly of cabbage and the "dog's equivalent of baked beans and onion sauce", its "various internal linings seemed to have perished, like the rubber in a hot water bottle that is nearing the end of its days". President de Valera is described "looking like a bad-tempered Muscovy duck that had somehow been fitted out with a pair of gold-rimmed *spectacles*".

His imagination is original and inexhaustible. Deserted in the States by his fellow-student travellers, he continued his journey alone "whirling about America like a headless chicken in trousers". In South America he was given a razor-sharp knife by a caring native in order to defend himself from "immediate extinction at the hands of rum-crazed banana salesmen or man-eating pumas; or Mexican bandits with unshaven chins and prune-like eyes".

Jeremy Lewis searches for a definition of Trinity "neither a part of England nor of Ireland": it could never be seen as "a part of the English Establishment, while sharing some of its graces and assumptions".

As one of Trinity's devoted sons, he leaves us with a pleasant, lingering yearning for his Dublin friends and their escapades, and a sharpened appetite for what is to come in the world of publishing. He is vastly entertaining, and he must write more.

Brian Martin

NEW PAPERBACKS

The Deputy Literary Editor's selection of interesting paperbacks published this week

The Red Devils, by G.G. Norton (Arrow, £3.99) History of the Paras, and other airborne forces. From Arnhem to the Falklands, these men are a force to be reckoned with.
Winged Dagger, by Roy Farren (Grafton, £3.95) Wartime memoirs from a chap in the Special Forces, later the SAS. The liberated Italians called them the "Battaglione McGinty"
Keith Douglas, by Desmond Graham (OUP, £6.95) Blog of *our finest Second World War* poet, killed in 1944, and still inexplicably underrated.
Wilfred Owen, by John Stallworthy (OUP, £6.95) Blog of our finest First World War poet, not at all underrated.
David Hockney, by David Hockney (Thames and Hudson, £12.95) First paperback edition of the 1976 text. At the time, *The Times* called it "cocky, unpretentious".
London under London, by Richard Trench and Ellis Hillman (John Murray, £9.95) Subterranean guide to London. There are frogs in the sewers; the rats eat them.
Paris – A Literary Companion, by Ian Littlewood (John Murray, £7.95) Proust in the *Rue Fontaine*, Sartre in the *Café de Flore*, just about everyone at the *Deux Magots*.
Cool Hand Luke, by Donn Pearce (Abacus, £3.99) The original chain-gang novel, inspiration for the Paul Newman film. "Now what we have here is a breakdown in communication . . ."

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Getting the hump

Plans for a West End musical based on Victor Hugo's *Hunchback of Notre-Dame* have been scuppered after a bust-up between collaborators Lionel Bart and American director Mark Bramble. Bart has been threatening a production for 25 years and, with a book now written by Victor Spinetti, a few weeks ago he announced he was ready to put it on "tomorrow".

But that was before the rift. Bramble, who wrote *Barnum* and *42nd Street*, will not comment on the row, but a spokesman for Bart yesterday confirmed the project was now "on hold". Bart's is not the only version in the offing. Anderson Enterprises, in Middlesbrough, is planning a rival version and says it has raised £2 million backing; a 31-man company has opened *Quasimodo!* on the Edinburgh Fringe; and from Buxton news of a production subtitled *Thank Heavens for Little Gargoyles*.

Music memory

On Sunday week, the Proms marks the 50th anniversary of Sir Henry Wood's first performance of Vaughan Williams's *Serenade to Music*. Almost incredibly, Sidonie Goossens, who is aged 88 and who played in the 1938 performance, will play again. She still plays



Goossens and Williams

regularly with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, and in the unlikely event of nerves on the night, she should take comfort from some familiar faces in the audience. Three of the original 16 soloists – Mary Jarred, Dame Eva Turner and Roy Henderson – have promised to be there.

● Britain will have just two representatives at the Olympics Arts Festival next month. The London Festival Orchestra, although still in need of sponsorship, will be the *sole music group. Dance will* be represented by the London Contemporary Dance Theatre, who have raised sponsorship from ICI Korea.

Ancient angst

The Museums Association, which launches Museums Year in January, is conscientiously keeping a list of new openings, now reckoned to occur once a fortnight. However, there is growing unease in the profession as to how broadly the definition of a museum should be drawn. Among openings next year, for example, are the Rowntrees' Chocolate Experience and the National Baking Museum. St. John Stimson, keeper of the award-winning Museum of the Home, in Pembroke, is *particularly incensed by Man*chester Museum of Science and Industry's plan for a replica of the city's sewer system (complete with smell) *and a £1 million pretend drift* mine being built at the Black Country Museum in Dudley.

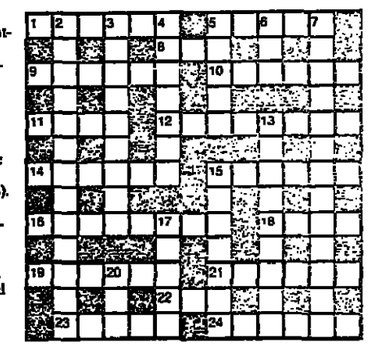
Andrew Billen

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1647

Prizes of the 1988 Collins Concise Dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, August 25. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, August 27.

ACROSS
1 Durable wall painting (6).
5 Spoken exams (5).
8 Assent with head (3).
9 Compel (6).
10 Place for use (6).
11 Castle tower (4).
12 Disease resistance (8).
14 Have ambition (6).
15 Plump (6).
16 Cross-country skiing (8).
18 Engrossed (4).
19 Mph measure (6).
21 Bizarrely beautiful (6).
22 Married woman title (3).
23 Waste (5).
24 Stockings seller (6).

DOWN
2 Automatically approved (6-7).
3 Dots painting technique (9).
4 Former (3-4).
5 Hatred (5).
6 Long-eared horse (3).
7 Final odds (8,5).
13 Infamous (9).
15 Revive (7).
17 Minute fragments (5).
20 Morale (3).



The winners of prize concise No 1641 are: Mrs C.M Jennison, The Rectory, Finmere, Buckingham; and H.J. Weller, Moray Place, Bletchley, Milton Keynes.

SOLUTION TO NO 1646

ACROSS: 1 Battle 4 Tragic 9 Dervish 10 Franc 11 Newt 12 Rear lamp 14 Centre 15 Calico 18 Residual 20 Spry 22 Glean 23 Truancy 25 Anthem 26 Streak.

DOWN: 1 Bid 2 Throw in 3 Lair 5 Referral 6 Guava 7 Cacophony 8 Shred 11 Nicaragua 13 Prudence 16 Impinge 17 Nasty 19 Spent 21 Just 24 Yak.

SOLUTION TO No 1641 (last Saturday's prize concise)
ACROSS: 1 Swerve 5 Curds 8 Nil 9 Tipped 10 Impair 11 Gear 12 Riffraff 14 Cleave 15 Canapé 16 Spreader 18 Veer 19 Way out 21 Bottle 22 Coo 23 Torch 24 Unripe.
DOWN: 2 White elephant 3 Reportage 4 Endorse 5 Cliff 6 Rap 7 Stiff upper lip 13 Renovator 15 Caribou 17 Ditch 20 Our.

Name .....
Address .....

THE WEEK AHEAD



CONCERT

METAMORPHOSIS: Zubin Mehta, who is now in his tenth season as the New York Philharmonic's music director, conducts the orchestra in two London concerts next week. At the Proms we hear the premiere of Ellen Taafe Zwilich's *Symbolon*, with Murray Perahia in Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto and Stravinsky's *Sacre du Printemps*. At the Barbican, Mehta and NYPO play Schubert's Symphony No 2 with Bruckner's No 4, Royal Albert Hall, Tuesday 7.30pm, Barbican Centre, Wednesday, 7.45pm.



BOOKS

RITES OF RETURN: A.N. Wilson, having just rattled out a biography of Tolstoy and a book of essays, publishes *Incline Our Hearts* (Hamish Hamilton, £11.95) this week, his first novel since *Love Unknown* which came out in 1986. It follows the life and times of an orphan, Julian Ramsay, growing up in the tidy, stern England of just after the Second World War, and his rites of passage from childhood, to adolescence and as a young man through the "English Gulag" of prep school, public school and National Service.



OPERA

DOUBLE DEBUT: Martine Dupuy, the French mezzo-soprano, makes her Prom debut in a concert performance of Bellini's version of *Romeo and Juliet*, his opera *I Capuleti e i Montecchi*, on Sunday. She was heard as Romeo at Covent Garden, following in the footsteps of Baltsa and Troyanos, three years ago. She will be back at the Royal Opera House in the 1989/90 season in another Bellini role: Adalgisa in *Norma*. Her greatest acclaim has come in the *bel canto* repertoire. Royal Albert Hall (01-379 4444).



ROCK

ROARING ROCKER: If Iggy Pop turns up (he's been AWOL in South America), then Friday's Reading Rock Festival should ignite. Detroit's 44-year-old nuclear rocker rejuvenates with monstrous regularity; recent performances suggest he's got more ham than Mattessons. Hard core fans expect a set ranging from vintage Stooges to the Bowie productions and a guest appearance by ex-Sex Pistol Steve Jones. Don't forget to pack earplugs. Richfield Avenue, Berkshire (0932 566777), Friday for three days.



GALLERIES

STICKS AND STONES: Andy Goldsworthy is among several younger British artists, nominally sculptors, whose work is informed by a respect for Nature. His patterns made from pebbles, dead leaves, shoots and elaborate hanging meshes contrived from storks and thorns stuck together with spittle, are photographed and then left in the landscape to decay and to be encountered by passers-by. A selection of Goldsworthy's recent creations is at Bluecoat Gallery, Liverpool (051 709 5689), from today.



DANCE

LEADING PARTNERS: Yoko Morishita is one of Nureyev's favourite partners and won a 1985 Lawrence Olivier Award for dancing *Giselle* with him. But for the Edinburgh Festival performances of *Giselle* by the Matsuyama Ballet from Tokyo, her partner will be Tetsutaro Shimizu (Tuesday, Friday and August 27). They also dance the leads in a new ballet by Shimizu, *Mandala*, about a Buddhist artist who falls in love with a Christian girl (Thursday and August 28). Playhouse, Edinburgh (031-225 5756).

Red Rodney plays a song for 'Bird'

It is, of course, too late by more than 30 years for Charlie Parker to benefit from the public interest aroused by *Bird*, Clint Eastwood's forthcoming biopic. Of the various minor characters who might find a little of the limelight spilling their way, none would deserve it more than the trumpeter Red Rodney.

One of the great saxophonist's most faithful acolytes, Rodney was the only white boy in Parker's otherwise all-black combo. The movie relates how, during a tour of the segregated southern states in the early Fifties, he was forced to pass his fair skin and ginger hair off under the assumed identity of "Albino Red".

On Monday at the Jazz Pavilion, in one of the most enticing events of this year's McEwan's Edinburgh International Jazz Festival, Rodney pays tribute to his erstwhile employer by teaming up with the British altoist Peter King, who embodies Parker's legacy as authentically as any altoist in the world. Other likely highlights include the appearances of the Concord All Stars (featuring Warren Vaché and Scott Hamilton) and the veteran trumpeter Doc Cheatham's Harlem Blues and Jazz Band at the Farewell Ball on Friday, and the Usher Hall gala concert next Saturday.

Richard Williams



Jamming: Jazz veteran Red Rodney

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

MISERIA E NOBILITA: A classic play from the acknowledged master of Neapolitan farce, Eduardo Scarpetta, directed by one of his direct descendants.
Royal Lyceum Theatre, Grindlay St (031 225 5756), £4.50-£8. Thurs-Aug 27 at 7pm, Aug 28 at 2.30pm.

GREEK: British premiere of Mark Anthony Turnage's new opera, based on the play of the same name by Steven Berkoff, which brings the Oedipus legend to contemporary London.
Leith Theatre, Ferry Rd (031 225 5756), 7.30pm, £5-£7. Thurs-Aug 27.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: With conductor and soloist Vladimir Ashkenazy. Perhaps the most interesting concert is the Sibelius and Shostakovich on Thurs.
Usher Hall, Lothian Rd (031 225 5756), 8pm, £5.50-£16.50. Tues, Wed, Thurs.

SHOSTAKOVICH QUARTET: Concluding concerts in their top quality complete Shostakovich quartet cycle.
Queen's Hall, Clerk St (031 225 5756), 11am, Mon, Wed, Fri.

OTHER EVENTS

GLENLIVET FIREWORKS: There can be few better backdrops for a really big fireworks display than Edinburgh Castle. If it's a clear night, Calton Hill makes an even better vantage point than Princes Street. Take your trannie – the simultaneous music, played on the Ross Bandstand by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, is broadcast on Radio Forth.
Princes Street Gardens, 10.45pm. Free. Thurs.

HUGH MACDIARMID CONFERENCE: Ten years after his death the great and the good converge to consider his legacy to Scotland and the world. Some high-powered contributors and, as a prelude, Tom Fleming's definitive performance of MacDiarmid's meditation on the Scottish character, *A Drunk Man Looks at the Thistle*.
Richard Demarco Gallery, 17-21 Blackfriars St (031 557 0707). Sessions start at 9.45am and run all day, £10 (£18 with lunch and dinner). Tomorrow-Wed.

THE FRINGE

FRINGE SUNDAY: The chance to see everything on the Fringe in one afternoon for nothing. Well, not quite, but there will be masses of Fringe performers falling off the backs of lorries, bands, balloons, kites and all the fun of the fair, and it is all free. Pray for a fine day.
Holyrood Park, 1-6pm. Tomorrow.

P'TIT ALBERT: Dinner at the mental asylum as served, literally, by Albert, the auxiliary nurse in an extraordinary solo performance from France.
Drummond Community High School, Cochran Terrace (tickets 031 226 2633), 8-9.15pm, £6. Mon-Sept 3.

DEAD DAD DOG: A late replacement for the Open Stage Obala company from Yugoslavia, but a welcome reshowing of John Mackay's delightful two-hander about a father returning to visit his son 12 years after his death. It was a hit earlier in the year at the Traverse.
Traverse Theatre, (venue 15) Grassmarket (031 226 2633) 10pm, £6 (concessions £3). Mon-Sept 3 (not Aug 29).

GRAND MAGIC: A fine production of De Filippo's debate on the nature of illusion and reality, seen at Mayfest earlier this year with recent graduates from Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama under the direction of John Retallack.
Assembly Rooms, (venue 3) 54 George St (031 226 2423) 12.30pm, £4.50 (concessions £3.50). Mon-Sept 3 (not Aug 29).

FILM FESTIVAL

The Film Festival's second week includes a number of major films:

BIRD: Clint Eastwood's film on Charlie Parker is probably the Festival's biggest coup. Red Rodney, who replaced Miles Davis as Parker's trumpet player, is in town for the screening and for a Parker tribute concert at Meadowbank on Aug 22.
Cannon, Lothian Rd (031 228 2688) 8pm, £4-£5.50 (returns only). Tomorrow.

THE RAGGEDY RAWNEY: Directorial debut of Bob Hoskins, who also stars, with a tale of the gypsy folk who are his own forebears.
Cameo, Home St (031 228 2688) 9pm, £4. Aug 22.

TELEVISION FESTIVAL

EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL TELEVISION FESTIVAL: Strictly speaking, sessions are for delegates only, but the keynote McTaggart Lecture is open to the public. This year Christine Ockrent from France's TF1 speaks on the future of broadcasting, particularly in the light of her own alarming experiences when French television was aggressively deregulated.
Assembly Rooms, 54 George St (031 226 2427/8), Fri-Aug29. McTaggart Lecture, 11am, Fri.

JAZZ

MCEWAN'S EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL: Starting with a big parade on Sunday. Today-Aug 27, all over town. See panel, left.

ROUND MIDNIGHT: The other jazz festival, based at the Queen's Hall continues throughout the week. Highlights include Carol Kidd on Mon and Tues at 7.15pm and Tommy Smith on Fri and Aug 27 at 7.15pm.
Queen's Hall, Clerk St (031 668 2019) £5-£6.50. Until Aug 27.

Listings compiled by Robert Dawson Scott and Stephanie Billen

THEATRE

MAKEPEACE DALY GOES TO RUSSIA: Quaker Youth Theatre, The Leaveners, warm up for a visit to the USSR (first-ever youth theatre exchange) with *Home Sweet Home*, about young Londoners, plus rock and folk music.
Hoxton Hall, 130 Hoxton Street, N1 (01-739 5431). Mon-Wed.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: Renaissance Theatre Company production, directed by Judi Dench, with Kenneth Branagh, Samantha Bond. Joined in repertory next week by *As You Like It* (Geraldine McEwan directs) then *Hamlet* (Derek Jacobi directs). Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 2294). Previews from Tues. Opens Thurs.

PICASSO: Zenya Hamada, Tokyo fine art dealer, directs the London premiere of his own piece about the artist. Cast of five.
The Place, 17 Dukes Road, WC1 (01-387 0031). Tues-Aug 27 only.

BIRMINGHAM: The Illusion: Actors Touring Company start a tour of the British professional premiere production of Corneille's comedy, translated by John Caimcross. Midlands Arts Centre, Cannon Hill Park (021 440 3838). Thurs-Aug 27.

DANCE

MOSCOW CLASSICAL BALLET: The London Season of *Swan Lake* ends today at the Business Design Centre, Islington (01-836 1226), and the tour concludes with a week at Birmingham Hippodrome (021 622 7486) with *Swan Lake* Mon-Wed and August 27, and a *divertissement* programme on Thurs and Fri.

CONCERTS

LISTEN TO LITTON: The LPO is conducted by Andrew Litton in a Prom consisting of Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet* Fantasy-Overture, Shostakovich's Symphony No 10 and Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212, cc 01-379 4444). Today, 7.30pm.

WINTER WONDERLAND: The Schubert-Britten "Feeling for Music" series keeps moving with Andreas Schmidt singing Schubert's *Winterreise* cycle, accompanied by Markus Hinterhauser.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Mon, 7.45pm.
MORE SCHUBERT: Susan Tomes (piano), Chi-chi Nwanoku (double bass) and others contribute an account of Schubert's "Trout" Quintet to the "Feeling for Music" Schubert-Britten series. Queen Elizabeth Hall. Thurs, 7.45pm.

OPERA

SUMMERSCOPE: Schubert's rarely performed *Fierrabras* tonight at 7.15pm in a semi-staged version as part of the South Bank's little Schubert and Britten festival. Jeffrey Tate conducts.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191).

BRITISH YOUTH OPERA: Peter Knapp's production of *Don Giovanni* keeps more young singers in employment as it runs on Wed and Fri at 7.30pm, with *The Marriage of Figaro* on Thurs and Sat Aug 27, also at 7.30pm.
Tyne Opera House, Newcastle (091 232 0899).

JAZZ

IRENE REID: The ex-Basie vocalist shares the billing with the big band led by the baritone player Jackie Sharpe.
Ronnie Scott's Club, London W1 (01-439 0747) Mon-Sat.

GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA: "Moonlight Serenade", "Pennsylvania 65000", "Tuxedo Junction", and the rest.
Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-638 8891) Fri.

RADIO

TINKER, TAILOR, SOLDIER, SPY: Far less complicated than the TV serial, and Bernard Hepton's George Smiley is as good as Guinness's. Radio 4, Tues, 6.30-7pm.

J. KINGSTON PLATT: Peter Jones returns with more reminiscences by the non-existent showbusiness know-all. Delicious and malicious. Radio 4, Fri, 4.05-4.30pm.



The memory of Troy: What links the Greenham Common women with fifth-century sex-striking women of Athens? Playwright-poet Tony Harrison is just the man to make the connection. He has his head in the 20th century, and his feet in the soil of Ancient Greece, and in this programme he reworks the texts of Greek tragedies so that they throw new light on contemporary issues. Radio 4, Wed, 11-11.47am.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
◙ **Advance booking possible**

DEATH OF A SALESMAN (PG): The 1984 Broadway production of Arthur Miller's play about the American dream, sympathetically filmed for American TV by Volker Schlondorff; with Dustin Hoffman, *Kate Reid*, John Malkovich.
Camden Plaza (01-485 2443), from Fri.

RAMBO III (18): In which Sylvester Stallone vacates a Buddhist monastery to spring a Green Beret buddy from Soviet imprisonment in Afghanistan. A strident sequel, strewn with battles and blood. Directed by Peter Macdonald; with Richard Crenna.
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252), Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011), from Fri.

GALLERIES

LAUGHING IN THE FACE OF DEATH: A stone-carved installation about war memorials by sculptor Robert Kennedy.
Chapter Arts Centre, Cardiff (0222 396061), from today.

ART AND COMPUTERS: Computer-assisted works of painting, sculpture and prints by 37 artists.
Cleveland Gallery, Middlesbrough (0642 225408), from today.

ROCK

IRON MAIDEN: "Can I Play With Madness" villains headline the annual *Monsters Of Rock* headbangers' convention. Today, Donington Park, Castle Donington, Derbyshire.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

MANCHESTER FESTIVAL: Programme includes world première of *Lady Audley's Secret* by Gloria, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* at the Opera House, Black Theatre Co-operative in *Temporary Rupture*, and Abraham Moss Community Theatre in *So Many Promises*. Sept 21-Oct 2.
Manchester Ticket Shop, Town Hall, St Peters Square, Manchester (061 236 8474, cc 061 236 7231).

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE CONCERTS: 88/89 programme includes Budapest Wind Ensemble, Vogler Quartet of East Berlin, Nash Ensemble, Domus, and Lindsay String Quartet. Sept-Jan.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141).

LAST CHANCE

TWENTIETH CENTURY DRAWINGS: Exhibits from the Birmingham Collection, including works by Picasso, Diego Rivera, Wyndham Lewis, David Bomberg, Gwen John, Frances Hodgkin.
Art Gallery, Lichfield St, Wolverhampton. Ends today (0902 312032).

Stage: Tony Patrick; Concerts: Max Harrison; Dance: John Percival; Opera: Hilary Finch; Galleries: David Lee; Photography: Michael Young; Films: Geoff Brown; Radio: Peter Davalle; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING

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PANCAKE
(a) A specially designed bullet for use by airline security guards, who have to fire pistols inside the pressurized cabin of an aircraft; the bullet is a canvas bag filled with lead shot, which will kill at close range, but slows down fast so as (with a little bit of luck) not to puncture the hull.
THANATIZE
(b) To process in a lethal manner, to send to sleep permanently, from the Greek *thanatos* death: "During his errantry and vagabondage he learned their cognate woes, error and vagueness; for having missed on three clean shots at what he thought would be oblivion, he set about to thanatize himself in messy increments of degradation."
NILOMETER
(a) An instrument for measuring the height of water in the Nile, especially during its inundation.
SCORIAC
(b) Relating to black basaltic lava or clinker, thrown up by volcanoes when erupting, from the Greek *skor dung*: "My single sip of her was a conflagration in the arteries, a Vesuvius to erupt and gush in scoriac torrents."

A cameraman calling the shots

Chris Menges remains reassuringly unchanged, despite the Oscars for his camera work on *The Killing Fields* and *The Mission*, and the Cannes triumph of *A World Apart*, his debut as director, which opens in London next week. A slight, gentle, diffident-seeming, grey-bearded man, between films he works a farm on the Welsh border, where he has lived for the last 19 years. The farm is small but serious for the Menges and their children. Just now they are getting the hay in.

A World Apart brings his career full circle. In 1963 the ITV series *World In Action* had just begun, and Menges, then a camera assistant, was sent to Johannesburg to work on a documentary about apartheid. When the unit suddenly needed an extra cameraman, Menges was promoted.

No less important was the deep impression made on him by what was happening in South Africa. "It was the time of Mandela's arrest. I was 22. At that age things stay with you. When I read Shawn Slovo's script for *A World Apart*, about what her parents had suffered in South Africa, I knew I had to make it."

Menges had already directed several documentaries – the most recent about drug addiction in New York – and felt ready for a feature. "I have had some marvellous masters – Kevin Brownlow, Lindsay Anderson, Ken Loach, Stephen Frears, Neil Jordan, Bill Forsyth, Roland Joffe – but there comes a time when you have to make your own picture."

Menges clearly had the time of his life doing it. He even enjoyed working for the first time with someone else on the camera. "It was just incredibly exciting to see the rushes and find what inspirations Peter Biziou had come up with. People have an awful lot to give if they're only given the chance."



Thrilled: Chris Menges, director of *A World Apart*, with Jodhi May (right) and a friend

The main role, of a white woman persecuted and imprisoned for her fight against apartheid, is played by Barbara Hershey; but other players are non-professional. Linda Mvusi, who plays the housekeeper, is a Harare architect. For 13-year-old Jodhi May, the taxing role of the woman's daughter is her first acting job.

"I prefer not to rehearse non-professionals. You need to trust their reactions and catch them fresh," Menges says.

"What is most important about the script and the film is that it is not just about South Africa but about racism and intolerance and oppression everywhere. Shawn's grandparents were Jews from St Petersburg and Lithuania: they had fled from the pogroms in Eastern Europe. In Africa the next generation thought they had found stability.

"Of course there are still things in the film I'm not satisfied with. But when it opened in Paris, I saw people come out of the cinema with a sort of fire in their eyes. They were really affected by the story, I can't tell you what a thrill that is."

David Robinson

A World Apart opens at the Curzon West End (01-439 4805) on Friday.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SATURDAY

BBC1 **WALES:** 5.25pm-5.30 Sports News Wales **SCOTLAND:** 5.25pm-5.30 Scottish News and Sport **11.00** Film: Shalako **12.50am** Weather **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 5.25pm Inside Ulster Newsline **5.30-5.55** Change of Heart **ENGLAND:** 5.25pm-5.30 London: Sport; Plymouth: Spotlight News and Sport; Other Regions: News and Sport

BBC2 **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 3.00pm-5.45 Golf from Portmarnock

ANGLIA As London except: **11.30am-12.00** Knight Rider **1.30pm** The Fall Guy **2.30-5.00** Film: Pride of the Yankees **5.05-5.10** Anglia News, Sport and Weather.

BORDER As London except: **11.30am-12.00** America's Top Ten **1.35pm** The Man from UNCLE **2.30** Film: The Long Ships **4.50-5.00** Cartoon **1.00am** Weather. Close.

CENTRAL As London except: **11.30am-12.00** Mr Merlin **1.35** The Fall Guy **2.30** Film: The Long Ships **4.50-5.00** Cartoon Time **1.00am** Prisoner: Cell Block H **1.55** Film: The Oblong Box **3.35** Europe's Top Ten **4.05-5.00** British Rock – The First Wave.

CHANNEL As London except: **11.30am** Terrahawks **1.05pm** Please Sir! **1.35** International Survival of the Fittest **2.05-2.30** Waterloo Bridge Handicap **4.45-5.00** Results Service **5.10-5.40** Love Me Love Me Not **4.00am** Company **4.05** America's Top Ten **4.35-5.00** Jack Thompson Down Under.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **11.30am-12.00** Freagair Seo **1.35-2.30** The Fall Guy **5.10-5.40** Child's Play **1.00am** Reflections, Close.

GRANADA As London except: **11.30am-12.00** Terrahawks **1.05** The Man from UNCLE **2.00-5.00** Film: The Big Country **5.05** Cartoon **5.10-5.40** Punky Brewster **1.00am** Film: Trackdown: Finding the Goodbar Killer **2.45** Formula One **3.45** The Best of the Beat Club **4.45-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: **11.30am-12.00** America's Top Ten **1.35pm** The Fall Guy **2.30** Film: The Long Ships **4.50-5.00** Kiddin' The Kitty **1.00am** Film: Death at Love House **2.15** Weather, Close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **No variations.**

SCOTTISH As London except: **11.30am-12.00** America's Top Ten **1.35-2.30** The Fall Guy **5.15-5.45** Give Us A Clue **1.00am** Film: Trackdown: Finding the Goodbar Killer **2.45** Formula One **3.45** Musical Special **4.45-5.00** Jobfinder.

TSW As London except: **11.30am-12.00** The South West Week **1.35pm-2.30** The Fall Guy **1.00am** Postscript **1.05** Weather, Close.

TVS As London except: **11.30am-12.00** Terrahawks **1.05** Please Sir! **1.35** International Survival of the Fittest **2.05-2.30** The Waterloo Bridge Handicap **5.10-5.40** Love Me, Love Me Not **4.00am** Company **4.05** America's Top Ten **4.35-5.00** Jack Thompson Down Under.

TYNE TEES As London except: **11.30am-12.00** America's Top Ten **1.35pm-2.30** The Fall Guy **1.00am** Inner Space **1.10-6.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: **11.30am-12.00** The Adventures of Mika **1.35** The Fall Guy **2.30-5.00** Racing from Kirkistown and Golf from Portmarnock **1.00am** Close.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **11.30am-12.00** America's Top Ten **1.35pm-2.30** UFO **5.10-5.40** Child's Play **1.00am** Film: Theatre of Death **2.40** Night Gallery **3.00** Music Box **4.00-5.00** Night Heat.

S4C Starts: **9.35** Right Talk **10.15** What the Papers Say **10.30** Woman in View **11.00** Moneyspinner **11.30** Hold In Trust **12.00** Teesra Kinara **12.30** The Making of Britain **1.00** Film: Batman **3.00** Racing from Sandown **5.00** Glasgow, By the Way **6.00** Survival or Salvation? **7.00** The Planets **7.35** Newyddion **7.50** Campeto **8.20** Resio **9.00** Racing International **9.35** True Stories **11.10** After Dark **1.40am** Close.

RTE 1 Starts: **11.15am** Ovid and the Gang **11.30** Batman **12.00** The Hardy Boys Mysteries **12.50pm** News Headlines **12.52** Sports Stadium **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** News **6.15** Raccoons **6.40** The Muppet Show – Command Performances **7.10** Highway to Heaven **8.05** Jeck and Mike **9.00** News **9.15** Film: The Carpetbaggers **11.55** News, Close.

RTE 2 Starts: **4.45pm** Film: Arch of Triumph **7.00** A Scandinavian Saga (Herbie Mann) **9.05** Paradise Postponed **10.55** The Politics of Food **11.50** Close.

SUNDAY

BBC1 **WALES:** 1.05pm-2.00 Baseball (Welsh Brewers Cup Final) **11.45-11.50** News and weather **SCOTLAND:** 4.30pm First Class **4.55** The Living Planet **5.50-6.15** The Beachgrove Garden **11.45-11.50** News and weather **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 4.55pm-5.20 Tomorrow's Farm **11.25** Gaelic Football **12.00** The Sky at Night **12.20am** Close

BBC2 **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 2.30-5.30 Golf (Irish Open)

ANGLIA As London except: **1.00pm** Link **1.15** The Vet **1.30** Anglia News **1.25** Weather **1.30-2.00** Farming Diary **2.30** Film: Follow A Star **4.30** Hart to Hart **5.30** Wildwatch **6.00-6.30** Easy Street **12.30am-1.00** For the Honor of Their Country

BORDER As London except: **1.00pm** Farming Outlook **1.30** Border News **1.35-1.40** Cartoon **2.30** Film: The Keys of the Kingdom **5.00** Highway to Heaven **5.50-6.30** Mr & Mrs **12.30am** Border Weather, Closedown

CENTRAL As London except: **1.00pm** Central News **1.05** Gardening Time **1.45-2.00** Link **2.30** Film: The Desert Rats **4.10** All Clued Up **4.40-5.30** Film: Double Agent **12.30am** Prisoner Cell Block H **1.30** Donahue **2.25** Derrick **3.30** The Rock of Europe **4.30-5.00** Central Jobfinder '88

CHANNEL As London except: **9.25-9.35am** Starting Point **1.00pm** Link **1.15** Les Français Chez-Vous **1.35-2.00** Cartoon Time **2.30-5.00** Film: The Sundowners **6.00-6.30** Bullseye **12.30am-1.00** For the Honor of Their Country **3.00** Company **3.05** Extra Dimensions **4.00** Island Life **4.30-5.00** Moviemakers

GRAMPIAN As London except: **11.00am** America's Top Ten **11.30-12.00** For the Honor of Their Country **1.00** Farming Outlook **1.30** Grampian News **1.35-1.40** Cartoon **2.30** Film: Blood Alley **4.30** Jimmy Greaves **5.00** Scotsport **6.00-6.30** Survival **12.30am** Reflections, close

GRANADA As London except: **1.00pm** Members Only **1.05** Action Point: This Is Your Right **1.35-1.40** Aap Kaa Hak **2.30** Film: Florence, Nightingale **5.00** All Clued Up **5.30-6.30** Highway to Heaven **11.30** Prisoner Cell Block H **12.30am** Donahue **1.25** Film: Term of Trial **3.30** Off the Wall **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder

HTV WEST As London except: **1.00pm** HTV News **1.05** Survival **1.35** Cartoon Time **1.45-2.00** Link **2.30** Film: Anzio **4.30** Who's The Boss? **5.00** Highway to Heaven **6.00-6.30** The Moviemakers **11.30** Bali Mystique **12.30am** Weather, close

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **11.30pm-12.30am** The Silk Road

SCOTTISH As London except: **11.00am** Knight Rider **11.30-12.00** Farming Outlook **1.00pm** The Jacksons **1.30-1.40** Canadian Documentary **2.30** Film: Blood Alley **4.30** Jimmy Greaves **5.00** Scotsport **5.00-6.30** Easy Street **11.30** The Jack McLean Talk Show **12.25am** Late Call **12.30** Donahue **1.25** Film: Hanover Street **3.30** Off the Wall **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder

TSW As London except: **10.30am-11.00** Gardens for All **1.00pm** Farming News **1.30-1.40** Out of Limits **2.30** Film: 11 Harrowhouse followed by Cartoon Time **4.30** The Campbells **5.00** Highway to Heaven **5.50-6.30** Survival **6.35-6.40** Today News and Weather **12.30am** Sunday Review **12.35** Weather, close

TVS As London except: **1.00pm** News **1.05** Link **1.20** Getting In On the Act **1.35-2.00** Cartoon Time **2.30-5.00** Film: The Sundowners **6.00-6.30** Bullseye **12.30am-1.00** For the Honor of Their Country **3.00** Company **3.05** Extra Dimensions **4.00** Island Life **4.30-5.00** Moviemakers

TYNE TEES As London except: **9.25-9.35am** Hello Sunday **1.00** Farming Outlook **1.30** Regional News **1.35** Link **1.50-2.00** Cartoon Time **2.30** Film: The Sundowners **5.00** All Clued Up **5.30-6.30** Highway to Heaven **6.30-6.40** Regional News **12.30am** Inner Space **12.40-6.00** Jobfinder

ULSTER As London except: **1.05pm** Gardening Time **1.45-2.00** Link **2.30** Film: The Fiendish Plot of Dr Fu Manchu **4.30** Play Better Squash **5.00** The Adventure Series **6.00-6.30** Benson **12.30am** Sports Results **12.35** Ulster News

YORKSHIRE As London except: **1.00pm** Calendar News **1.10** Link **1.25-2.00** Farming Diary **2.30** Film: Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines **5.00** The Man From UNCLE **6.00-6.30** Who's The Boss? **12.30am** Film: Road Games **2.35** Out of Limits **2.30** News Headlines followed by Take **3.00** Music Box **4.00-5.00** Jobfinder

S4C Starts: **10.00** The Faithe Next Door **11.00** Network 7 **1.00** Strangers Abroad **2.00** Film: The Conqueror **4.50** Coming of Age **5.00** Equinox **6.00** Athletics **7.20** Newyddion **7.30** Margaret Williams **8.00** Mwynhau'r Pethe **8.30** Anwyddon Hal **9.00** John Gielgud – An Actor's Life **10.05** Film: There's A Girl In My Soup **11.55** Film: Yol **2.00am** Close

RTE 1 Starts: **12.15pm** Mass **1.00** News Headlines followed by Six Centuries of Verse **1.25** Room Outside **1.55** All-Ireland Football Semi-Finals **5.00** Cartoon Time **6.30** For the Honor of Their Country **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** News **6.15** The Cosby Show **6.45** Cartoon Time **7.00** Film: The Great Caruso **9.00** News **9.20** Film: Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde **11.35** News, close

RTE 2 Starts: **2.00** Golf **6.00** Film: Arthur C. Clarke's World of Strange Powers **8.05** Nuacht **8.10** The Yellow River **9.05** Master works **9.15** Mozart in Japan **10.25** The Sunday Game **11.55** Close

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SATURDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO SUNDAY

Compiled by Jane Rackham and Robert Christensen



DANCE

LEADING PARTNERS: Yoko Morishita is one of Nureyev's favourite partners and won a 1987 Laurence Olivier Award for dancing Giselle at the... But for the Edinburgh Festival performances of Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty he will be Tetsuya Kumakawa. Friday and August 27. The Royal Ballet's Mayerling will be Wednesday. Friday and August 26. Alice Jarmuz, Mandala, about a Buddhist student who falls in love with a Christian girl (Thursday and August 25). Sadler's Wells House, [illegible] 278 8916.

TELEVISION FESTIVAL

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● *Heimat* (BBC2, 9.50pm) is one of the best pieces of television of the last decade, and one offers it and the extended TV version of *The Godfather* as two of a small handful of indisputably great works to have appeared on the box. *Heimat*'s family saga of life in a German village between 1919 and 1982 (part nine of 11 tonight) is, inevitably, about coming to *terms with Nazism*, and, as such, a lesson in memory. The inability to remember (which is also the impossibility of forgetting) is *the* recurring subject of post-war West German cinema, and is most often identified as a spiritual homesickness. *Heimat* (meaning homeland) restores continuity to those frozen years. Seeing this series again, one is impressed by the attention to detail: countless little instances — an odd remark, an object here or there (the use of props is exemplary), how a landscape looks in different weathers, the way the actors are made to age — build up an elaborate tracery of memories in the viewer's mind over 15 hours. *Heimat*'s particular achievement is to make this *small world and its people* so known to us that in the end it does indeed feel like coming home.

Chris Petit

CHOICE



Coming home: Marita Breuer plays a woman coming to terms with the past in a masterpiece (BBC2, 9.50pm)



Father knows best: Glyn Houston is impressive as an ex-miner who clashes with a son of Toryism (ITV, 9.30pm)

CHOICE

● **The ITV Play: Better Days** (ITV, 9.30pm) deals with those twin embarrassments of the Thatcher era, the old and the Labour movement. Edgar, a widowed Welsh miner, finds himself parked on his successful lawyer son. Cue for demonstrations in one-upmanship: "uneducated" dad proves far more cultured and knowledgeable than sleek moneybags of a son, representative of the new Toryism: *self-centred, materialistic,* miserable, and too insecure for political argument ("No more Sandanista posters in this home!" he yelps at his son). Grandfather and grandson form an alliance (a batty tramp makes up a third) against these rich miseries whose stuffy behaviour suggests that adulthood is the boring stage between two periods of delinquency: adolescence and old age. Although the script often oversimplifies the target, the cast manages to give life to a series of characters whose signposted ways of speaking ("How did we get from the Siege of Stalingrad to the quagmire of my self-loathing?") suggests radio rather than television. Glyn Houston is particularly impressive as the stolid ex-miner.

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BBC1

6.45 Open University.
8.25 The Kid (r). **8.30** The Family-Ness (r). **8.35** The Muppet Babies
9.00 UP2U includes a report from Sea World in Florida
10.55 **Film: Escapade in Japan** (1957) starring *Teresa Wright and Cameron Mitchell.* Adventure yarn about a six-year-old air crash survivor's eventful trek across Japan. Directed by Arthur Lubin **12.27** Weather
12.30 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. *The line-up is (subject to alteration):* **12.35** and **4.00** Table Tennis: England v Sweden; **1.00** News; **1.05** and **3.20** Hockey: the Lada Classic; **2.10, 2.40** and **3.10** Racing from Chester; **2.20, 2.50** and **4.30** Motorcycling from Thruxton; **4.50** Athletics
5.05 Cartoon
5.15 News **5.25** Regional news and sport
5.30 **First Class.** The final — Tring School, Hertfordshire, meet Caterham School, Surrey
5.55 **The Flying Doctors.** A young mother rejects her new-born child. (Ceefax)
6.40 ***Film: Carry On Girls*** (1973) starring Sidney James and Joan Sims. A seaside resort's town council decides to hold a beauty competition but meets with opposition. Directed by Gerald Thomas. (Ceefax)
8.10 **Michael Barrymore's Night Out.** Among those appearing on tonight's variety show are Showaddywaddy. (Ceefax)
9.00 **Cagney and Lacey.** Episode one of a two-part story in which the two lady police officers investigate embezzlement from a bank. (Ceefax)
9.50 News and sport. With Moira Stuart. Weather
10.05 **Call Me Mister.** Jack *helps a waiter who is accused of stealing a* livery company's silver (r). (Ceefax)
11.00 **Match of the Day.** Highlights of Liverpool v Wimbledon
11.50 **Film: Shalako** (1968) starring Sean Connery and Brigitte Bardot. Western adventure in which a group of European aristocrats, hunting in New Mexico, suddenly find themselves surrounded by hostile Apaches. Directed by Edward Dmytryk.
1.40am Weather

BBC2

6.50 Open University.
2.45 **Popeye Double Bill** *(b/w)*
3.00 **Film: Quo Vadis** (1951) starring Robert Taylor, Deborah Kerr and, as the debauched and unhinged Nero, Peter *Ustinov.* Drama set in Rome in which a victorious general, waiting for his emperor's call to enter the city, meets and falls in love with a young woman who has secretly converted to the Christian faith. With Finlay Currie and Leo *Genn. Directed by Mervyn* Le Roy
5.45 **Horizon: Struggling For Control.** A documentary investigating the reasons behind the long flight delays for package tourists from Britain's airports. Interviews with flight controllers reveal disturbing *pressures of work* coupled with antiquated equipment. Narrated by Paul Vaughan (r). (Ceefax)
6.35 **NewsView.** Moira Stuart with today's news and sport; Mike *Smartt reviews the* week's news in pictures with subtitles. *Weather*
7.15 **A Masked Ball (Un ballo in maschera).** Guiseppe Verdi's two-act opera about the assassination of Sweden's King Gustav III at a masked ball in 1792, starring Luciano Pavarotti as the king, with the Chorus and Orchestra of the Vienna State Opera conducted by Claudio Abbado. Other leading roles are sung by Piero Cappuccilli, Gabriele Lechner and Ludmilla Schemchek. Introduced by Julian Budden, a leading authority on Verdi's works (r).
9.50 **Film: Helmet** (1984, colour and b/w). (see Choice)
12.10am **Film: Detective** *(1985) starring Nathalie* Baye and Johnny Hallyday. A tongue-in-cheek thriller about William Prospero, a detective investigating the murder mystery that cost him his job. Prospero takes up residence in the hotel room where the the victim met his death and begins to investigate the other guests — all suspects. Directed by Jean-Luc Godard. (in French with English subtitles) Ends at **1.50.**

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6.00 TV-am
9.25 **Get Fresh** at Tavistock Meadows. *The guests* include Professor Erno Rubik, Heaven 17 and A-Ha **11.30** Punky Brewster.
12.00 **Wrestling** from the Civic Hall, Bedworth.
1.00 **News 1.05 LWT News** and weather followed by **On the Buses** (r). **1.35** **Charlie's Angels** investigate illegal drugs dealing (r).
2.30 **Film: The Green Berets** (1968) starring John Wayne and *David Janssen. Vietnam* war drama about the super-heroic exploits of the United States Army's elite Green Beret force. The film is notorious for its final scene when the sun sinks in the East. Directed by John Wayne and Ray Kellogg.
5.00 **News 5.05 LWT News** and weather
5.10 **A.L.F.** Comedy adventures of an Alien Life Force
5.40 **Cue Garyl** Comedy series starring Gary Wilmot. (Oracle)
6.10 **Champion Blockbusters**
7.00 **The Kate Robbins Show.** Comedy *Impressions.*
7.30 **Tarby's Frame Game.** Game show
8.00 **Summertime Special** introduced by Frank Carson. The guests include Engelbert Humperdink and Lulu
9.00 **News** and sport **9.15 LWT Weather.**
9.20 **Film: Who's Who in Neverland?** (1976) starring Jack Klugman and Dina Merrill. A made-for-television drama in which Quincy, the *investigative* pathologist, becomes suspicious when people claiming to be the relatives of a deceased wealthy woman demand that she be cremated. Directed by Steven Stern
10.45 **Invasion.** A dramatic reconstruction of the *events surrounding* the Soviet Union's invasion of Czechoslovakia in August 1968. Starring Paul Chapman (r).
1.00 **Night Network** includes live music from the Lilac Time, a discussion on a career in the funeral business *and a preview of films to* be seen at the Edinburgh Festival
4.00 **Major Indoor Soccer League.** San Diego v Los Angeles.
5.00 **ITN Morning News.** Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 **Making the Most Of** (r). **10.00** **Moneyspinner** (r).
10.30 **Film: The Blue Bird** (1940) starring Shirley Temple and Johnny Russell. Fantasy story of a brother and sister travelling through magic lands in search of the Blue Bird of Happiness. Walter Lang directs.
12.00 **The Notorious Jumping Frog of Calaveros County.** An animated film based on a Mark Twain novel
12.30 **Empress Wu.** Episode 43 (of 65)
1.00 **Film: A Letter to Three Wives** (1949, b/w) starring Jeanne Crain, Linda Darnell and Ann Sothern as three *wives who each receive* a letter from a woman telling them she is about to run off with one of their husbands — but which one? Directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz **2.55** **The Magic Box.** Animated short
3.00 **Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park.** The **3.05, 3.40, 4.10** and **4.40** races.
5.00 **Brookside** (r). (Oracle)
6.00 **Survival or Salvation: A Bible Story.** A documentary *celebrating the 400th* anniversary of the first complete translation of the Bible into Welsh.
7.00 **News** summary and *weather followed by* **Odyssey.** This week's adventure story includes action from the Hong Kong to Peking car rally (r).
8.00 **Coming of Age.** The third of four programmes on why, during the next century, there will be more older people in *the world than young.*
9.00 **Channel 4 Racing International.** Brough Scott introduces coverage of the Arlington Million, from Woodbine, Toronto. The race is due off at **9.15**
9.40 **Film on Four Extra: Last Day of Summer** (1983) starring *Annette Badland and* Graham McGrath. Set in 1970, the story of a mother-son relationship that develops between a 12-year-old orphan and a shy woman in her twenties who are living in a commune by the Thames. Directed by Derek Banham. (Oracle)
10.40 **Just For Laughs.** More acts from the Montreal Comedy Festival (r).
11.10 **After Dark.** Open-ended discussion about domestic service.

BBC1

6.45 Open University.
8.55 **Play School** (r). **9.15** *Umbrella (r).*
9.30 **This is the Day.** A simple religious service uniting viewers in Britain, Belgium and the Netherlands
10.00 **Film: The Buccaneer** (1938, b/w) starring Fredric March. Adventure about one man's dilemma — *should he help the British* capture New Orleans or help the defending American forces? Directed by Cecil B. de Mille
12.05 **Sign Extra.** Advice on Aids protection **12.30** **Country File** includes a photographic trip to the Isle of Arran. **12.55** **Weather**
1.00 **News 1.05** Bonanza (r). **1.50** Cartoon
2.00 **EastEnders** (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 **Film: The Train Robbers** (1973) starring John Wayne and Ann-Margret. Lane, an ageing cowboy, is offered a large sum of money to *help a widow* to find a cache of gold stolen by *her late husband.* Directed by Burt Kennedy
4.30 **Rolf Harris Cartoon Time 4.55** **First Class.**
5.20 ***The Living Planet.*** Part 11 — the oceans (r). (Ceefax)
6.15 **Lifeline.** The latest charity news; and an appeal on behalf of the Mental Health Foundation by Bill Treacher.
6.25 **News** and weather.
6.40 **Songs of Praise** from the quayside of Liverpool's Maritime Museum. (Ceefax)
7.15 **A Question of Entertainment.** Showbiz *quiz (Ceefax)*
7.45 **Film: Chariots of Fire** (1981) starring Ben Cross and Ian Charleson. The Oscar-winning true story of two British athletes, Eric Liddell and Harold Abrahams and their respective battles on and off the running track. Directed by Hugh *Hudson. (Ceefax)*
9.45 **News** with Moira Stuart. Weather
10.00 **Everyman: In the Name of God.** An award-winning documentary about the Roman Catholic Church's fight against the Pinochet regime in Chile.
10.45 **Dennis O'Neill.** The *first of a series featuring* the Welsh tenor (r).
11.25 **The Sky at Night.** Patrick Moore talks about interstellar material to Professor Alec Boksenberg.
11.45 Weather.

BBC2

6.50 Open University.
1.05 **Hawk of the Wilderness** *(b/w).* Classic adventure serial starring Herman Brix
1.20 Cartoon
1.30 **Sunday Grandstand** introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **1.35** and **3.30** Hockey: The Lada Classic. Great Britain v the Netherlands *(men);* and Great Britain v West Germany (women). The commentator at Kenilworth Road, Luton, is Barry Davies; **2.15** Olympics: Kevin Cosgrove reports on Mary Decker Slaney's preparations for Seoul; **2.30** and **5.30** Cricket: The Refuge Assurance League match between Gloucestershire and Kent at Moreton-in-Marsh. The commentators are *Peter Walker and* Ralph Dellor; **4.15** and **6.30** Athletics: The Grand Prix meeting in Cologne. David Coleman, Ron Pickering and Stuart Storey are *the commentators.*
6.50 **Rough Guide to Europe.** Magenta De Vine and Sankha Guha *explore little known* tourist haunts of Ljubljana on the coast of Yugoslavia (r).
7.45 **The RKO Story — Tales from Hollywood.** This fourth of six programmes examines the reign of Orson Welles at RKO with clips from his legendary *Citizen Kane,* his second picture, *The Magnificent Ambersons,* and the story behind what would have been his *third, It's All True (r).*
8.45 **Lawrence and Arabia.** An *Omnibus* documentary celebrating the centenary of the birth of the controversial hero. With archive film and photograph of the Arab revolt, recollections from his family, friends and colleagues, *the programme* reappraises Lawrence (r). (Ceefax)
10.15 **Moviedrome.** Alex Cox introduces **The Man Who Fell to Earth** (1976) starring David Bowie and Rip Torn. Science fiction tale of a alien who arrives on Earth and utilizes his extraordinary powers to amass a fortune before he begins to suffer because of his inability to cope with the Earth's atmosphere. Directed by Nicolas Roeg. Ends at **12.35am**

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6.00 **TV-am** introduced by George Spanswick; **8.30** ***Summer Sunday*** with Richard Keys.
9.25 **Tweety Pie.** Cartoon **9.35** **The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin 10.00** **Get Fresh Sunday** includes an item on rocking horses.
10.30 **The Campbells.** Adventures of a Scottish pioneering family
11.00 **Morning Worship** from Nonsuch Park, Cheam.
12.00 **Hard Times in the Cities.** This first of a new series examines the new face of *unemployment in the* south of England. Presented by Simon Jenkins of the *Sunday Times.*
1.00 **LWT News** and weather **1.05** **Cartoon Time 1.15** **The Care Bears** (r).
1.40 **Link.** Kevin Mulhern talks to Jack Ashley, MP. ***2.00 Stars and Steeples.*** Should national ritual reflect religion in the nation as a whole?
2.30 **Film: The Sundowners** (1960) starring Robert Mitchum and Deborah Kerr. The story of footloose husband, working as a sheep-drover in Australia, and his wife who wants to put down roots. Directed by Fred Zinnemann.
5.00 **The Good Life Guide Special** (r).
6.00 **All Clued Up.** Game show presented by David Hamilton
6.30 **News 6.35 LWT News** and weather
6.40 **Highway.** The first of three new programmes in which Sir Harry Secombe visits the Holy Land.
7.15 **Best of Through the Keyhole** introduced by David Frost. (Oracle)
7.45 **Classmates.** Celebrities meet their old school chums. (Oracle)
8.15 **Clive James on Television** (r).
9.15 **News 9.25 LWT Weather.**
9.30 ***The ITV Play: Better Days*** (see Choice)
11.00 **Men on Violence.** What causes violent crime? Last in the series
11.30 **The Bretts.** Serial about a family of actors
12.30am **The Making of Modern London.** The horror of the Blitz (r).
1.00 **Night Network** includes the best of the *Beat Club* and the Monroes in concert
3.00 **Indy-Cart Racing.** The Toyota Grand Prix.
5.00 **ITN Morning News.** Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 **Teesra Kinara.** Episode 20 of the 26-part *Pakistani drama* serial.
9.50 **Settlers' Tales.** First generation Asian immigrants.
10.00 **Bandung File Special.** In the aftermath of President Zia's death, a report on the man, his legacy and the effect of his death on Pakistan's future.
11.00 **Network 7** examines the effect of the new licensing laws **1.00** **Wired in Japan** (r).
2.00 **Lost in Space** (b/w). *The penultimate episode* of the vintage science fiction serial.
3.00 **Film: Bugles in the Afternoon** (1952) starring Ray Milland as an unjustly cashiered US cavalry officer who catches up with the man responsible on the eve of Custer's last stand. *Directed by Roy* Rowland.
4.35 **Film: Three Dumb Clucks** (1943, b/w) starring the Three Stooges. Directed by Del Lord.
4.55 **News** and weather
5.00 **Ancient Lives.** The *first of four programmes* in which John Romer *explores the everyday lives of villagers in* Egypt's Valley of the Kings (r).
6.00 **Athletics.** The GRE Clubs Cup Final from Haringey.
7.15 **Equinox: Toys for the Boys.** A documentary exploring the world of the Formula One racing car company Williams Grand Prix Engineering. (Oracle)
8.15 **Man and Music: Georgian London.** This second of six films examines music of the period between the Jacobite rebellion of 1745 to the latter part of the 18th century.
9.15 **The Dame Edna Experience.** With Jeffrey Archer, Demis Roussos, Zsa Zsa Gabor and Joan Rivers.
10.05 **Film: There's a Girl in My Soup** (1970) starring Peter Sellers and Goldie Hawn. Comedy about a middle-aged womanizer who meets his match in a 19-year-old girl. Directed by Roy Boulting.
11.50 **Film: Yol** (1982) starring Tarik Aken. The *adventures of six* prisoners who are allowed a week's leave from a Turkish prison. Directed by Serif Goren. (English subtitles) Ends at **2.00.**

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see below)
News on the half-hour until **12.30pm**, then at **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight
6.00 Nicky Campbell **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Stereo Sequence, incl **2.00-3.00** My Top 10 **6.30-7.30** In Concert **7.30** Robbie Vincent **10.00-12.00** Mark Goodier **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **1.00pm** As Radio 1 **7.30-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see Radio 1)
News on the hour until **1.00pm**, then at **3.00, 6.00, 7.00** and hourly from **10.00**
4.00 Dave Bussey **6.00** Graham Knight **8.05** David Jacobs **9.00** Sounds of the 60s with Duane Eddy **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Gerald Harper **1.00** Wise On The Wireless **1.30** Sport On 2. Football: Liverpool v Wimbledon; Cricket: Hampshire v Sri Lanka at Southampton; Golf: The Carrolls Irish Open at Portmarnock, Dublin; Hockey: Great Britain v Spain at Luton **5.00** Cinema 2 **6.30** Jukebox Saturday Night **7.00** Three In A Row **7.30** Fascinating Gershwin, incl **8.20-8.40** Interval. Tim Gudgin with the Vic Flick Latin Five **10.05** Martin Kelner **12.05** Night Owls (Dave Gelly) **1.00** Ellis Hill presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

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Radio 3

6.55 Weather
7.00 Morning Concert: Weber (Overture: Oberon: Philharmonia under *Sawallisch), Albinoni* (Adagio: Berlin PO under von Karajan with David Bell, organ), Johann Strauss (The Chain Bridge Waltzes: Peter Guth, violin, Gidon Kremer, violin, Kim Kashkashian, viola, and George Hortnagel, bass), Rossini (Overture: La gazza ladra: Philharmonia under Giulini), Telemann (Water Music: Musica Antiqua, Cologne, under Goebel) and Ibert (Divertissement: GBSO under Fremaux)
8.30 News
8.35 Trio Sonatas from Venice: Purcell Quartet plays Rosenmüller (Sonata a 3 in C), Legrenzi (Sonata, Op 4 No 6, La pazzoli), Albinoni (Sonata in B flat, Op 8 No 1), Rosenmüller (Sonata a 3 in G minor), Vitali (Passecaglia, Op 7 No 7; Chaconne, Op 7 No 3), Legrenzi (Sonata, Op 4 No 3, La benaglia), Vitali (Capriccio secundo, Op 7 No 5), Vivaldi (Sonata a 3 in D minor, La folia) (r)
9.30 Interpretations on Record: Ponchielli's La Gioconda
10.30 Record Release: Schubert (Symphony No 1 in D: Berlin PO under Barenboim), Mendelssohn (Psalm 42: Wieder Hirsch schreit nach frischen Wasser: Paris Orchestral *Ensemble under* Herreweghe, with Eiddwen Harrhy, soprano, and La Chapelle Royale), Schubert (Piano trio in E flat: Haydn Trio of Vienna), Parry (At the Round Earth's Imagined Corners; Lord, Let Me Know Mine End from Songs of Farewell: St George's Chapel Choir, Windsor, under Robinson), Grainger (Shallow Brown; Irish Tune from County Derry; and Australian Up-Country Song: City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus under Halsey), Brian Havergal (Symphony No 31: RLPO under Mackerras)
1.00 News
1.05 Liszt and the Piano: Hamish Milne plays Polonaise No 1 in C minor; Valse impromptu; Valse mélancolique; Soirées de Vienne: No 3 in E: Polonaise No 2 in E (r)
1.55 Thomas Allen: sings Schumann (Dichterliebe) and Brahms (O wüsst' ich doch; Der Gang zum Liebchen; Sonntag; Nachtigall; Ständchen; Wir wandelten; Komm bald; Es sass ein Salamander; Botschaft) (r)
3.00 Edinburgh International Festival: USSR State Symphony Orchestra under Svetlanov plays Balakirev (Symphony No *2 in D minor) and* Rachmaninov (Symphony No 1 in D minor)
4.30 Debut: Henrik Brendstrup (cello) and Catherine Edwards *(piano) play Debussy* (Sonata in D minor), Chopin (Introduction and Polonaise in C, Op 3), and Fauré, arr Casals (Après un rêve, Op 7 No 1)
5.00 *Jazz Record Requests*
5.45 The Grand Seasons: A New Phase Coming (1937-39): *the history of opera* at Covent Garden
6.30 French Piano Music: *Malcolm Binns plays Fauré* (Nine Preludes, Op 103), Messiaen (Canteyodjaya) and Ravel (Gaspard de la nuit)
7.30 Proms 88: London PO under Litton, with Salvatore Accardo (violin), plays Tchaikovsky (Fantasy Overture: Romeo and Juliet), Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor) and Shostakovich (Symphony No 10)
9.40 Repeat Please: a short story by Dilys Rose
9.55 Bach: Klavierübung: Goldberg variations. (r)
11.15 Book, Music and Lyrics: Old Masters. (10 of 12) (r)
12.00 News **12.05** Closedown

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see below)
6.00 Nicky Campbell **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00** Sunday Oldies with Mike Read **3.00** Radio 1 More Time **3.30** Backchat (Liz Kershaw and Ro Newton) **4.00** Chartbusters (Bruno Brookes) **5.00** Top 40 **7.00** Anne Nightingale Request Show **9.00** Andy Peebles Soul Train **11.00-12.00** The Ranking Miss P with Culture Rock
VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **2.00pm** Russell Davies **3.00** Alan Dell with *Sounds Easy* **4.00** BBC Concert Orchestra Showcase **4.30** Sing Something Simple with the Cliff Adams Singers **5.00** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see Radio 1)
News on the hour (except **8.00pm**) **4.00** Dave Bussey **6.00** Graham Knight **7.30** Roger Royle says Good Morning Sunday **9.05** Melodies For You **11.00** Desmond Carrington with Your Radio 2 All-Time Greats **2.00** Stuart Hall's Sunday Sport **6.30** Charlie Chester **7.35** Personal Choice **8.30** My Hymns **9.00** Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.05** Songs From The Shows **10.45** Christopher Taylor at the piano **11.00** Steve Voce presents Sounds of Jazz **1.00** Ellis Hill presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

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Radio 3

6.55 Weather
7.00 The Wind Players: Halle Orchestra under John Barbirolli plays Dvorak (Serenade in D minor)
7.30 News
7.35 The Beethoven Piano Sonatas: John Lill plays Sonatas in B flat, Op 22; and D, Op 28 (9 of 14) (r)
8.30 News
8.35 Your Concert Choice: Byrd, arr Howarth (excerpts from The Battell: Philip Jones Brass Ensemble under Elgar Howarth), Chopin (piano Concerto No 1 in E minor: Zurich Tonhalle Orchestra under Otto Ackermann, with Dinu Lipatti), Mahler (Rückert-Lieder: New Philharmonia under John Barbirolli, with Janet Baker, mezzo-soprano), Saint-Saens (Havanaise: Philharmonia under Alceo Galliera with Michael *Rabin, violin), and Nielsen* (Symphony No 4: Inextinguishable: LSO under Ole Schmidt)
10.30 The Week at the Proms
10.45 Fishguard Music Festival: BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Tadaaki Otaka, with Fishguard Philharmonic Choir, plays Haydn (Te Deum), Strauss (Horn *Concerto No 1 in E flat,* Op 11) and Mozart (Requiem in D minor)
12.15 Stephen Hough, piano, plays Paderewski (Minuet in G, Op No 1; Nocturne in B flat, Op 16 No 4), Schubert (Sonata in A minor), Chopin (Ballade in G minor), Medtner (Sonata in G minor, Op 22), Fauré (Barcarolle No 3 in G flat, Op 42; Nocturne No 6 in D flat, Op 63) and Liszt (Rapsodie espagnole)
1.55 Anthony Holborne: Dowland Consort plays Pavans, Almains and Galliards from Holborne's collection of dances published in 1959, with Sarah Cunningham (treble viol), Alison Crum (tenor viol), Piet Stryckers (small bass viol), Richard Campbell (bass viol) and Trevor Jones (great bass viol)
2.30 Edinburgh International Festival: USSR State SO under Svetlanov plays Mussorgsky, orch Shostakovich (Overture: Khovanshchina), Glinka (Symphony on Russian Themes), Prokofiev (Symphony No 1 in D) *and Tchaikovsky (Symphony* No 3 in D)
4.00 Songs for the Stage: Robert Woolley plays Babell (First Set), Handel (Suite in E minor) and Babell *(Second Set) on the* 1612 harpsichord from the Royal collection (r)
4.45 Celebrity Recital: Borodin String Quartet plays Shostakovich (Quartet No 4 in D, Op 83; Quartet No 13 in B flat minor, Op 138; Quartet No 5 in B flat, Op 92) (r)
6.15 The Bad Boy of Music: George Antheil (1900-59). Compiled and written by Mike Steer, with Ed Bishop, Margaret Robertson and Diana Olsson
7.30 Proms 88: Bellini's I Capuleti ed i Montecchi, with the BBC Symphony Orchestra under John Pritchard with BBC Singers and Lella Cuberli (soprano), Marilyn *Dupuy (mezzo-soprano),* Keith Lewis (tenor), Eric Halfvarson (bass) and Roderick Kennedy (bass). Live from the Royal Albert Hall, London
9.55 Bad Boy Makes Good: Antheil (Ballet mécanique: New York Percussion Group under Surinach; and Serenade No 1 for strings: Oslo PO under Antonini) (1 of 2)
10.30 Choral Evensong: *recorded in Lichfield* Cathedral, with Jonathan Rees-Williams, organist and master of the choristers
11.30 Manuel Ponce: John Williams (guitar) plays *variations and fugue on* Folia de Espana
12.00 News **12.05** News

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 *News Briefing:* Weather **6.10** The Farming Week from Suffolk **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather
7.00 Today, incl **7.00, 8.00** *News* **7.20** *Your Letters* **7.25** Sport **7.30, 8.30** News Summary **7.40, 8.47** Today's Papers **7.45** In Perspective **7.55, 8.58** Weather
9.00 News **9.05** Sport on 4 with Cliff Morgan
9.30 **Breakaway.** Chris Hawksworth talks to children atMenorca and *Torquay about what they* want from a holiday
10.00 News; Loose Ends (new series) hosted by Ned Sherrin
11.00 News; Talking Politics: James Naughtie talks to the Secretary of State for Scotland, Malcolm Rifkind, about his life and interests outside politics
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 A Small Country Living
12.25 Whose Line is it Anyway?: Clive Anderson chairs a series of ad-libbed comedy with John Sessions, Stephen Fry, Griff Rhys Jones and Kate Robbins (s) (r)
1.00 News
1.10 Towards 2000 with the Radio 4 Generation: The Future of the Seven Deadly Sins, chaired by John Humphries (3) Gluttony **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Consuming *Passions:* Sarah Dunant on modern style and design
2.45 The Best of Morning Story: *One Sunday Afternoon* by Carol Barker (r)
3.00 News; Apart From George: play by Nick Ward (s)
4.10 Time to Wear Purple: Peter Jeffrey and Jill Balcon read some popular poems about growing old (s) (r)
4.30 Science Now: Alun Lewis reports on the latest scientific news
5.00 Prophets Returned: Derek Cooper talks to Frances Moore Lappe, whose book published in the 1960s, *Diet for a Small Planet,* became a best-seller (2 of 4)
5.25 Aspects of the Fringe: Paul Merton with a guide to the best shows at the 1988 Edinburgh Fringe Festival **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News, incl Sports Round-Up
6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition (s)
7.10 In the Psychiatrist's Chair: Dr Anthony Clare talks to Edwina Currie
7.45 Saturday Night Theatre: *Smallbone Deceased* by Michael Gilbert, dramatized by Nesta Pain (s) (r)
9.15 Music in Mind presented by Peter Barkworth (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten: A reading, a hymn and reflection led by Frank Topping (s) **9.59** *Weather*
10.00 News
10.15 The Saturday Feature: City Under the Earth. During World War II the Chislehurst Caves became the nightly homes of 15,000 people. Five children who slept in the caves recall their experiences with the current owner, Jim *Gardner (s)*
10.45 A Sideways Look At... **11.00** When Housewives had the Choice?: Russell Davies and Maureen Lipman recall the era of the Light Programme request show
12.00 News **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Programme News **4.30-6.00pm** Options: **4.30** Prefaces to Shakespeare **5.00** Cancer Check **5.30** Language Extra.

Radio 4

LW (Long Wave) (s) stereo on **VHF**
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather
6.10 Prelude: A selection of music (s)
6.30 Morning Has Broken: Incl Bells on Sunday (s)
6.55 Weather
7.00 News
7.10 *Sunday Papers*
7.15 On Your Farm: A visit to the Fernihough brothers in Worcestershire
7.40 Sunday, incl **7.55** Weather **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 The Week's Good Cause: Pam Ayres speaks on behalf of Dowding House
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America
9.30 Morning Service from St Piux X Roman Catholic Church (s)
10.15 The Archers
11.15 News Stand
11.30 Pick of the Week presented by Margaret Howard(s)
12.15 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley talks to Hugh Trevor-*Roper (s)*
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 The Gardening Quiz (s)
2.30 Shining...Shining... Play by David Ashton (s) (r)
3.00 Literary Walks: Novelist Helen Forrester talks to Christopher Somerville about her childhood in Liverpool
3.30 The Christian Centuries: Brian Redhead on Saint Benedict of Nursia
4.00 Vict

The Royal Ballet loses 'a great performer'

Tributes for Sir Frederick Ashton

By Andrew Billen

The world of ballet was in mourning last night for Sir Frederick Ashton, one of the greatest choreographers of the century, who has died at the age of 83.

The Royal Opera House announced yesterday that the end had come peacefully in his sleep at his home in Suffolk.

Sir Frederick, who was inspired as a boy by seeing Pavlova dance, has been associated with the Royal Ballet for as long as there has been a Royal Ballet.

A founder choreographer for Dame Ninette de Valois' young company in 1931, he became its principal choreographer and from 1963 until his retirement in 1970, also its director. Only last year, at the age of 82, he revived his ballet *Ondine* at Covent Garden.

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Dame Ninette, founder of the Royal Ballet, was told the news at her home in London by Sir John Tooley, the former general director of the Royal Opera House.

She said it was the duty of the Royal Ballet to preserve Ashton's works "for ever and a day".

Dame Ninette, who was 90 in June, said: "He will be remembered as the founder of the English dance style in the classical world of ballet in this country. He understood the English dancer psychologically as well as physically.

"He would draw something out of an artist that they did not know they possessed; he gave them confidence and a sense of awareness that would otherwise have been lost both to the artists concerned and to us.

"Extremely intelligent, well-read and musical, his research work in a ballet was always wonderfully balanced, for he made no error of judgement in his choice of partners – whether it was the librettist, the composer or the dancer."

Dame Margot Fonteyn de Arias, speaking last night from Houston, Texas, said she had been crushed by the news.

"You could not but love him. He was a wonderful charming man, who had the gift of bringing out the best in everyone he worked with. Of course, the influence on British dance is incalculable".

She added, recalling Sir Frederick's own performances, as an Ugly Sister in his 1948 *Cinderella* or as Mrs Tiggywinkle in the 1971 film *The Tales of Beatrix Potter*: "He may not have been one of the great dancers himself but what a wonderful performer!"

Sir Frederick choreographed a small dance for Dame Margot at her farewell performance at Covent Garden.

"When he came on to take the bow, he looked at me and smiled and said: 'shall we do that again?' And of course we did. That was the sort of inspiring man he was."

Sir John Tooley said that by Sir Frederick's death the world had lost one of its greatest choreographers.

He said: "He was nothing less than a genius and his contribution to the development of ballet in this country, and particularly to that of the Royal Ballet and Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, is beyond words.

"His choreographic invention was wide-ranging and in all of it was ever present an extraordinary creative imagination at work which, coupled with a deep musical and poetic sense and an unerring eye, produced an endless stream of lyrical ballets of outstanding beauty and quality."

Sir Peter Wright, director of Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, said Sir Frederick's influence incalculable.

He said: "Fred's death has affected me more deeply than I can express in words. The news has been absolutely shattering and somehow I have never thought of life in the royal ballet companies without him.

"I mourn the passing of a great and extraordinary man. He will remain one of the real greats of this world. Though not physically, he will always be with us through the great and lasting legacy he has left us in his ballets".



1985: Sir Frederick Ashton discussing interpretations with a dancer during rehearsals for the first English performance of his ballet *Romeo and Juliet*



1965: Robert Helpmann (left) and Frederick Ashton as the Ugly Sisters in *Cinderella*

Security fears for Zia funeral

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the process" of a power struggle.

British officials refuse to discuss the security arrangements for Sir Geoffrey. Britain's decision to be represented at the funeral by the Foreign Secretary was taken to show the respect London held for its relations with the former Pakistani leader. But his arrival is expected to cause headaches for British and Pakistani officials responsible for his safety.

All civilian and military officials involved in presidential trips, as well as the personnel of the Bahawalpur airport from where the plane had taken off minutes before the crash, have been detained for questioning.

A remote-control device detonated shortly after take-off is said by experts to be the likely cause for the explosion. They rejected an earlier theory that the presidential plane may have come under missile fire, pointing to the fact that the C-130's four engines were intact.

Press reports yesterday said that explosives may have been placed inside crates loaded on to the plane at the last minute.

Mohammad Aslam Khattak who, as senior cabinet member, heads Pakistan's interim government, told the Senate on Thursday night that he had had advance warning of Pakistan's enemies attempting to assassinate leading Pakistani politicians.

The Air Force chief, Hakimullah Khan, yesterday agreed, saying that the explosion was surely an act of sabotage and part of a conspiracy, but he did not say who he believed was responsible.

Although the local press has played up the possibility of foreign involvement in General Zia's death, analysts have all but ruled out the theory that his arch-rivals in Moscow and Delhi would have played any part in his assassination.

It is still possible, however, that supporters of the Soviet-backed Government in Kabul, who have been blamed for a number of terrorist attacks inside Pakistan, may have wanted his removal enough to organize his assassination.

Armed troops have been posted at oil installations, television and radio stations and other important places in Karachi.

Lester Piggott's wife injured in horse fall

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heath every day, Mrs Piggott was riding alone when the horse, a "stable hack", apparently slipped on hard ground and fell on top of her. She was found some time afterwards lying concussed. Her standard issue "hard hat" had protected her head from more severe injuries.

Mr Richardson said: "I understand that Mrs Piggott had gone ahead of the string of horses on her own to gain a vantage point where she could watch them being exercised.

"For the accident to happen now is very sad on top of everything that has already happened and it all comes as a terrible blow to the family."

Mrs Piggott's eldest daughter Maureen, aged 27, raised the alarm and went with her mother by ambulance to the hospital.

She said afterwards: "It's been a very harrowing day for us. Nobody actually saw it happen but it appears her horse slipped on the concrete.

"It wasn't long before she was found. She was still conscious at the time and an ambulance was called immediately. It was terrible."

Mrs Maureen Piggott, who yesterday took over supervision of the stables, said: "We intend to carry on as normal. I expect I will be in charge."

In 1975, Mrs Susan Piggott broke her pelvis in a fall.

The Prison Department said, without referring to Piggott, that a request to make a compassionate visit was a decision for the Highpoint governor.

Civil Service shift

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mission, is already located.

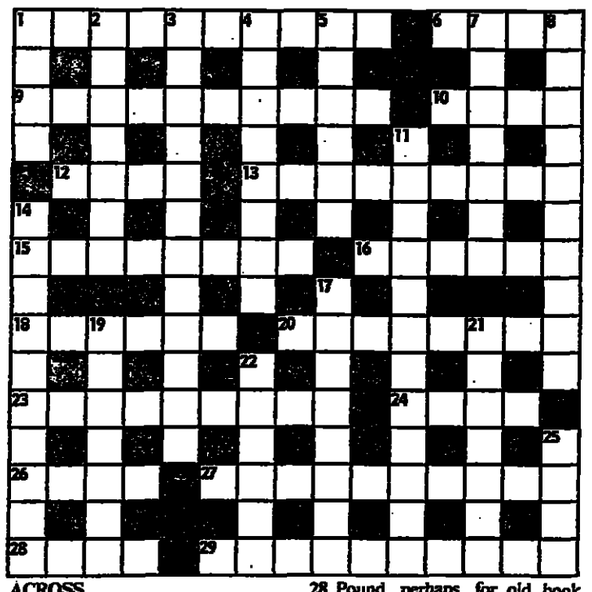
The headquarters staff of the Training Commission, now located in Grays Inn Road, central London, are to move into the main Department of Employment office in Westminster.

Recent technological advances including electronic mail and tele-conferencing have made communications between outlying stations and headquarters offices much easier.

Mr Fowler is also understood to want to give his department a head start in recruiting junior office staff. He has recently been lecturing business leaders on the need to prepare for a downturn in the number of teenagers available.

The Civil Service unions are to be consulted about the move, which is to be sold to staff on the basis of cheaper property prices in the North and the better "quality of life" available in Cheshire and South Yorkshire.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,753



ACROSS

1 Cut down relation's trousers, right? (5,5).
6 Hook resulting in catch, finally? Nonsense! (4).
9 No revolutionary change for a guard roster (10).
10 With final letter in, crossword beginner concludes it's elementary (4).
12 Such unfairness used to get to Jack (4).
13 Fighting bantam, perhaps, in place of early retirement (9).
15 Go over some extra verses (8).
16 As spy chief, I remove man operating in the field (3-3).
18 Station us in school, next to head (6).
20 Island's, thus, of a certain geological period (8).
23 Keen as 15, but not averse to charm (9).
24 Observe one's pony skipping on and on (4).
26 Black elected by Southern state (4).
27 Make powerless a patient goddess (10).
28 Pound, perhaps, for old book (4).
29 Denominate reforms in shift to the right (10).

DOWN

1 A fuel turned up, unlike 1 *ac*? (4).
2 Instrument shows zero on vehicle in middle of jam (7).
3 Great feats in French town of French army (5,2,5).
4 Select a new West End show for viewing (8).
5 Pick up synopsis (6).
7 How to score briskly in a game at Oval (7).
8 Side of expert in confrontation (4-2-4).
11 Inca material might be found in these parts (5,7).
14 Arch on roadway? (10).
17 Key, say, cut on following lines (8).
19 Deliveryman bringing order to house (7).
21 Singer's inducement to princess (7).
22 Show expert how to shut out miners? (6).
25 Short trousers for girl (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,747

S	H	R	A	N	D	Y		C	L	I	N	R	U	M	M	Y
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E		M		I		A		E		A		H		K
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Solution to Puzzle No 17,752

S	H	R	E	W	I	S	H		A	U	G	U	S	T
P		I		I		A		L		L		C		
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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

PANCAKE
a. A security bullet
b. A crash at pole-vaulting
c. To forget one's lines

THANATIZE
a. To disinfect or clean
b. To kill
c. To start again from scratch

NILOMETER
a. A meter for the Nile
b. A measure starting at zero
c. An Egyptian distance

SCORIAC
a. Stinging like a scorpion
b. Volcanic
c. A cataleptic trimeter

Answers on page 20, column 1

A prize of a distinctive Sheaffer "Targa" Regency Stripe fountain pen with a solid 14-carat gold inlaid nib will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: J Austen, Mill Lane, Hastings, Sussex; P G Stephenson, Church Lane, Kirk Ella, E Yorks; K A Keith, Linkfield Lane, Redhill, Surrey; D J Dare-Plumpton, Barnes Crescent, Skegness, Lincs; C A Bone, Holmesdale Road, Teddington, Middlesex.

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WEATHER

Low pressure to the north of Britain will give many areas a spell of rather unsettled weather. Northern parts of Scotland will be cloudy with rain at times. Northern Ireland, southern Scotland and northern parts of England will start showery with a few sunny intervals but the cloud and rain over northern Scotland will gradually spread south. Wales and central and southern parts of England will have sunny intervals and showers, some heavy, particularly in western areas. Quite windy, with gales in parts of the north-west. Outlook for Sunday and Monday: Unsettled with showers at first.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	29	84	s	Luxor	39	102	s
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Madrid	33	91	s
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Majorca	30	86	f
Algiers	33	91	s	Malaga	28	82	c
Amst'dam	20	68	f	Malta	29	84	f
Athens	32	90	s	Melb'rne	16	61	r
Bahrain	37	99	s	Mexico C*	18	64	c
Barcelna	29	84	f	Miami*	31	88	s
Belgrade	29	84	s	Milan	30	86	s
Berlin	23	82	s	Montreal*	18	68	f
Bermuda*	30	86	r	Moscow	14	57	c
Biarritz	25	77	f	Munich	30	86	s
Brussels	21	70	f	Nairobi	21	70	c
Budapst	27	81	s	Naples	32	90	s
B Aires*	22	72	s	N Delhi	29	84	c
Cairo	34	93	s	N York*	27	81	s
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Nice	29	84	s
C'blanca	23	84	s	Oslo	14	57	r
Chicago*	23	84	f	Paris	23	73	r
Ch'church	7	45	s	Peking	28	82	c
Cologne	21	70	r	Perth	17	63	r
C'phgn	19	66	c	Prague	27	81	s
Corfu	33	91	s	Reykjvk	14	57	s
Dublin	17	63	c	Rhodes	32	90	s
Dubrovnik	29	84	s	Rio de J	22	72	s
Faro	29	84	s	Riyadh	43	109	s
Florence	34	93	s	Rome	30	86	s
Frankfurt	28	82	f	Salzburg	29	84	s
Funchal	26	79	s	S F'visco*	19	66	s
Geneva	31	88	s	Santiago*	16	61	c
Gibraltar	26	79	s	S Paulo*	22	72	s
Helsinki	15	59	c	Seoul	30	86	r
Hong K	28	82	c	Sing'por	28	79	r
Innsbruck	29	84	s	St'kholm	16	61	r
Istanbul	29	84	s	Strasb'rg	29	84	s
Jeddah	40	104	s	Sydney	22	72	s
Jo'burg*	18	64	s	Tangier	31	88	s
Karachi	32	90	c	Tel aviv	30	86	s

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain ins	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	0.8	.45	24	75	rain
Bridlington	0.5	.20	20	68	rain
Clacton	7.7	-	23	73	sunny
Margate	10.0	-	28	82	sunny
Folkestone	12.3	-	23	73	sunny
Hastings	8.7	-	21	70	sunny
Littlehmptn	7.2	.06	22	72	sunny,
Bognor R	7.6	.11	20	68	rain
Southsea	7.7	.18	22	72	rain
Bournemth	7.9	.27	20	68	rain
Weymouth	4.6	.33	19	66	rain
Exmouth	1.4	.39	18	64	rain
Teignmouth	1.9	.39	19	66	rain
Torquay	1.6	.44	19	66	rain
Falmouth	1.4	.67	19	66	rain
Penzance	1.9	1.02	19	66	rain
Jersey	6.1	.02	23	73	bright
Guernsey	6.5	.26	23	73	rain
Newquay	0.9	.70	20	68	rain
Ilfracombe	1.1	.44	21	70	rain
Morecambe	-	.98	17	63	rain
Buxton	-	1.43	17	63	rain
Carlisle	-	.57	17	63	rain
Leeds	-	1.26	17	63	rain
Manchester	-	1.69	17	63	rain
Anglesey	2.6	.28	17	63	rain
Cardiff (Cst)	0.5	.50	19	66	rain
Colwyn Bay	1.1	.29	17	63	rain
Tenby	2.6	1.64	16	61	rain
Aberdeen	-	.24	17	63	rain
Aviemore	0.1	.49	17	63	rain
Edinburgh	-	.73	19	66	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.92	15	59	rain
Glasgow	-	.55	17	63	rain
Kinloss	2.0	.29	19	66	rain
Lerwick	0.1	.04	14	57	rain
Prestwick	-	.96	16	61	rain
Stornoway	1.3	-	16	61	cloudy
Wick	-	.04	15	59	fog

* Denotes figures not available
These are yesterday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.04	6.2	7.12	6.0	London Bridge	7.43	5.9	7.59	5.7
Aberdeen	6.26	3.6	7.10	3.4	Aberdeen	7.27	3.4	8.12	3.8
Avonmouth		—	12.01	10.4	Avonmouth	12.23	10.4	12.40	9.9
Belfast	4.27	3.0	4.48	2.9	Belfast	5.20	2.9	5.44	2.8
Cardiff	11.46	9.8	—	—	Cardiff	12.08	9.7	12.25	9.3
Devonport	10.23	4.6	10.42	4.6	Devonport	11.20	4.4	11.52	4.3
Dover	3.51	5.6	4.05	5.7	Dover	4.41	5.3	5.04	5.4
Falmouth	9.53	4.4	10.12	4.4	Falmouth	10.50	4.2	11.22	4.1
Glasgow	5.44	4.5	6.14	4.2	Glasgow	6.31	4.3	7.00	4.1
Harwich	4.59	3.6	5.10	3.6	Harwich	5.44	3.4	6.02	3.4
Holyhead	3.20	4.7	3.54	4.5	Holyhead	4.12	4.5	4.57	4.4
Hull	11.33	6.2	—	—	Hull	12.01	6.0	12.25	5.8
Ilfracombe	11.02	7.4	11.21	7.2	Ilfracombe	11.54	6.9	—	—
Leith	7.56	4.7	8.25	4.5	Leith	8.49	4.5	9.23	4.3
Liverpool	4.07	8.0	4.36	7.7	Liverpool	4.55	7.6	5.35	7.3
Lowestoft	2.54	2.0	2.54	2.2	Lowestoft	3.49	2.0	4.00	2.1
Margate	5.10	4.2	5.19	4.1	Margate	5.58	4.0	6.13	4.0
Milford Haven	11.21	5.6	11.42	5.5	Milford Haven	—	—	12.13	5.3
Newquay	10.17	5.7	10.39	5.6	Newquay	11.11	5.4	11.48	5.3
Oban	10.45	3.1	10.59	3.1	Oban	11.43	2.9	—	—
Penzance	9.32	4.6	9.53	4.6	Penzance	10.33	4.4	11.07	4.3
Portland	11.38	1.6	11.45	1.5	Portland	—	—	12.15	1.5
Portsmouth	4.29	3.9	4.55	4.0	Portsmouth	5.15	3.7	5.49	3.8
Shoreham	3.58	5.0	4.25	5.0	Shoreham	4.46	4.7	5.28	4.7
Southampton	4.02	3.8	4.35	3.9	Southampton	5.01	3.7	5.36	3.9
Swansea	11.27	7.8	11.49	7.7	Swansea	—	—	12.23	7.4
Tees	8.59	4.5	9.36	4.3	Tees	10.01	4.3	10.42	4.2
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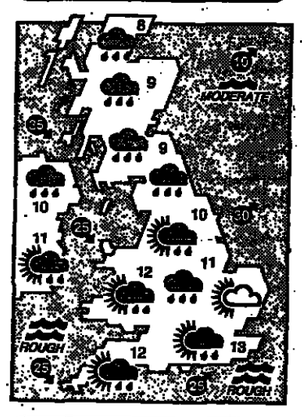
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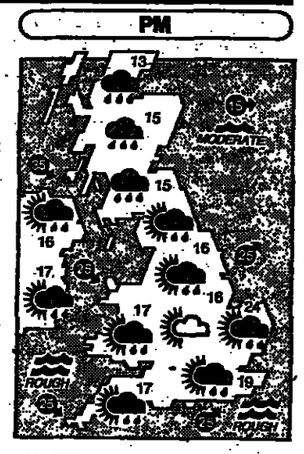
TOMORROW — Sun rises: 5.56 am; Sun sets: 8.11 pm; Moon rises: 4.15 pm; Moon sets: 11.01 pm; Full Moon August 27

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LONDON

Thursday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 25C (77F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 16C (61F). Humidity: 6 pm, 82 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02in Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 9hrs 8m, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1010.5 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Margate, Kent, 28C (82F); lowest day max: Neist Point, Isle of Skye, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Manchester 1.69in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, Kent; 12.3hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 8.43 pm to 5.26 am
Bristol 8.52 pm to 5.36 am
Edinburgh 9.07 pm to 5.26 am
Manchester 8.56 pm to 5.29 am
Penzance 9.01 pm to 5.51 am

TOMORROW
London 8.41 pm to 5.27 am
Bristol 8.50 pm to 5.37 am
Edinburgh 9.05 pm to 5.28 am
Manchester 8.54 pm to 5.31 am
Penzance 8.59 pm to 5.52 am

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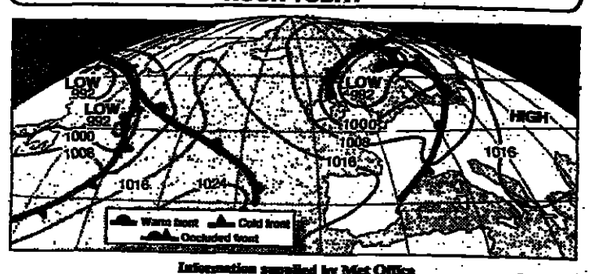
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YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	15	59	f	Guernsey	17	63	f
Birmingham	18	64	f	Inverness	14	57	c
Blackpool	17	63	f	Jersey	17	63	f
Bristol	18	61	r	London	20	68	c
Cardiff	18	64	f	M'chester	17	63	c
Edinburgh	14	57	r	Newcastle	13	55	r
Glasgow	14	57	c	Wakdeway	15	59	f

NOON TODAY



Information supplied by Met Office

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells		Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.18	2.06	Italy Lire	2470	2350
Austria Sch	23.55	22.35	Japan Yen	237.50	226.50
Belgium Fr	70.50	67.40	Netherlands Gld	3.795	3.575
Canada $	2.165	2.055	Norway Kr	12.17	11.57
Denmark Kr	12.75	12.15	Portugal Esc	271	257
Finland Mrk	7.93	7.53	South Africa Rd	4.75	4.35
France Fr	11.31	10.76	Spain Pta	218	207
Germany Dm	3.325	3.165	Sweden Kr	11.46	10.88
Greece Dr	285	251	Switzerland Fr	2.90	2.68
Hong Kong $	13.75	13.00	USA $	1.775	1.695
Ireland Pt	1.342	1.182	Yugoslavia Dnr	5175	4375

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Retail Price Index: 103.7 (July) — London: The *FT* Index closed up 8.3 at 1484.5.

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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1484.5 (+8.3)	US dollar 1.7020 (+0.0015)
FT-SE 100 1844.3 (+10.4)	W German mark 3.2185 (–0.0031)
USM (Datastream) 169.09 (+0.39)	Trade-weighted 76.7 (same)

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Farmers still talking with BAT

Crucial talks over BAT's $5.1 billion (£3 billion) bid for Farmers, the US insurance group, were continuing up to the deadline in Los Angeles late last night. The offer, worth $72 per share, was due to expire today if the Farmers' board, headed by Mr Leo Denlea, had not entered into a definitive merger agreement.

Mr Denlea and Mr Patrick Sheehy, the BAT chairman, said that no comment would be made on the progress of the talks until they concluded. A joint statement is expected at that time. BAT is expected to extend its $72 offer if the talks are making progress.

Boustead offer

Boustead, the international trading group, has declared unconditional its £9.5 million offer for Camotech, the Third Market maker of aircraft seats and injection mouldings.

Gas vote

Mr Noel Falconer, the champion of small shareholder rights, has failed in his attempt to gain election to the board of British Gas. He secured 849,781 votes with 519,169,490 against, it was announced last night.

SE prices

Due to problems at Extel Financial, we are unable to publish high and low figures on our main share prices page. This data has been replaced by the stocks' market capitalizations, which are calculated on yesterday's close.

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2032.36 (+5.33)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	28209.42 (+80.06)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2579.75 (+8.34)
Amsterdam: Gen	274.3 (–0.9)
Sydney: AO	1640.6 (+10.9)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1467.1 (–18.2)
Brussels:	
General	4899.7 (–1.7)
Paris: CAC	352.1 (+0.3)
Zurich: SKA Gen	474.8 (+3.1)
London:	
FT-A All-Share	961.62 (+4.84)
FT-"500"	1051.61 (+5.35)
FT Gold Mines	193.3 (+5.5)
FT. Fixed interest	97.61 (+0.02)
FT. Govt Secs	87.96 (+0.18)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Whitbread 'B'	570p (+60p)
Standard Chart	519½p (+11p)
G Wimpey	243p (+8p)
Church	470p (+20p)
Dunhill	229p (+14p)
Elys (Wimbledon)	740p (+15p)
Tyne Tee TV	320p (+20p)
Trade Indemnity	517½p (+10p)
GR	720p (+15p)
Johnson Matthey	344p (+10p)
MY Holdings	81p (+9p)
Delyn Packaging	109½p (+10p)
British Aerospace	516½p (+13p)
Lucas	553½p (+12p)
Cadbury-Schweppes	386½p (+8p)
RHM	411½p (+9p)
Farnell Elect	152p (–8p)
FALLS:	
Alphameric	270p (–15p)
Morland	662½p (–10p)
GF Lovell	137½p (–10p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	21071

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank 11 7/16–11 5/16%
3-month eligible bills: 10 29/32–10 3/4% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8 1/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.06-7.04%*
30-year bonds 97 15/32–97½*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7020	£: $1.7025*
£: DM3.2185	$: DM1.8915*
£: SwFr2.7113	$: SwFr1.5910*
£: FFr10.9234	$: FFr6.4125*
£: Yen226.96	$: Yen133.37*
£: Index:76.7	$: Index:99.6
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close $431.75-432.25 (£254.00-254.50)
New York:
Comex $431.80-432.30*

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EC and Panel go-ahead paves way for £210m offer

GrandMet mounts IDG bid

By Colin Campbell

Grand Metropolitan, with the blessing of the Takeover Panel and the European Commission, yesterday launched a fresh bid for Irish Distillers Group at Ir400p a share, valuing the Jameson and Paddy whiskey group at Ir£253 million (£210 million).

The Ir400p a share cash bid tops an original offer made on May 30 by a consortium, which included GrandMet, of Ir315p a share, worth Ir200 million, and will not be increased unless a competitive bidder emerges.

There is a loan note alternative and under a revised timetable the last date for acceptance is September 12. In London, Irish Distillers shares rose from 317p to 330p before settling back to 324p, below the offer price.

The GrandMet bid — made via GC&C Brands, now owned by Gilbeys of Ireland, a GrandMet subsidiary — was immediately rejected by IDG.

Mr Richard Burrows, the managing director, said IDG had received several other bids since the go-ahead was given to GrandMet by the EC and the Takeover Panel.

The Panel ruled that with particular reference to Rule 35 of the Takeover Code, and because of the unprecedented intervention of the EC, Irish Distillers shareholders had not had the proper opportunity to consider the initial bid.

It would, therefore, be wrong to deprive shareholders of that opportunity, the Panel said, and the bid timetable would be extended by 17 days.

IDG argued at a special meeting of the Panel that it had been subjected to bid disruption for too long, and as GrandMet was a member of the original bidding consortium, that Rule 35 of the Code should apply.

That rule says that no party may re-submit a bid for 12 months once a bid has lapsed.

The Panel ruled that GrandMet could proceed with a fresh, individual bid, but imposed a shortened timetable. GrandMet's new bid surfaced at 2.50pm.

In defending the Panel against the charge that it had "bent" Rule 35, Mr Anthony

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Beevor, its director general, said very few conclusions should be drawn for the future operation of Rule 35 from "this special case."

Asked if he resented the intervention of the EC, Mr Beevor said the Commission and the Panel had separate and distinct functions. That of the EC was to regulate competition matters. That of the Panel was to ensure fairness for shareholders.

"I think we have achieved a solution in which both bodies have managed to fulfil their functions in a way that is fair to all those concerned."

GrandMet, with half its annual sales of £6 billion from spirits, wines and brewery interests, intends investing substantial funds in promoting Irish whiskey internationally.

GrandMet said it would invite offers for Irish Distillers' Bushmills, Power's and Tullamore Dew Irish whiskey brands, for the Huzzar vodka brand and their associated facilities. It would also review IDG's interests outside the drinks industry. Disposal of IDG assets would still require Commission approval.

The objective in selling off various IDG whiskey and other drink lines is to ensure new competitive elements — one of the principal objections raised by the Commission, whose intervention scuppered the original bid by GC&C Brands, comprising Guinness, Allied-Lyons and GrandMet.

Irish Distillers said the offer by GrandMet ignored the value of its brands and was substantially below what the names were worth — particularly in the light of this week's decision by GrandMet to revalue its own brands.

GrandMet's bid is not, however, without hurdles. In the first round of this controversial battle, IDG complained to the relevant European, British and Irish authorities. The latest bid may mean a fresh inquiry by the Irish authorities.

The 20 per cent stake in IDG held by FII Fyffes, the banana group, remains crucial, and the French drinks group Pernod-Ricard is still interested in forging closer links with IDG.



Preparing for battle: Richard Burrows, managing director of Irish Distillers Group

Goodison criticizes insider controls

By Our City Staff

Sir Nicholas Goodison, the Stock Exchange chairman, said yesterday that British regulations against insider trading were still inadequate.

However, he said he was encouraged that the Government was devoting more resources to combating the problem than previously.

Sir Nicholas, in Stockholm to celebrate the bourse's 125th anniversary, said: "Until about a year ago, we were getting pretty frustrated because we were reporting quite a lot of cases that we thought were insider trading and not a lot happened.

"Now, we are slightly more confident that when we report something it might get to the courts, but the law is in not quite the state that I would like it to be in," he said.

Sir Nicholas called Britain's regulatory system the most complex in the world.

"It's not going to do very well by 1992 unless some changes are made to it. If they don't make some changes, I can see that in itself driving some business away," he said.

Sir Nicholas said he believed Europe's markets ought to be aiming to establish a European inter-market trading system which could cover all leading European shares.

This concept did face problems, however, since different exchanges were governed by widely differing regulations and used different dealing and price display systems.

Mr David Ruder, chairman of the US Securities and Exchange Commission, urged world stock market regulators to introduce effective and compatible laws to deter insider trading. He said vastly different laws governing securities trading in different countries would have to be brought into line with one another as markets became increasingly intertwined.

"It's essential that we have a similar level of anti-fraud laws. That means laws against market manipulation, against insider trading and against rumour-mongering or misrepresentation of information to the markets."

He said the SEC was watching developments in Europe carefully, especially with relation to 1992.

"We are in some sense anxious to be sure that the regulation in the European Community reaches levels which are satisfactory to us because eventually we will be looking towards an integrated market with the European Community.

"World regulators must structure a level of international information sharing and enforcement co-operation to deter international law violations," he said.

Interest rate fears grow as inflation hits 4.8%

By Richard Thomson

Inflation rose to 4.8 per cent in the 12 months to July and is now certain to rise well above 5 per cent in August as this month's mortgage rate increases are taken into account.

The accelerating rate of inflation is causing fears in the City that interest rates may soon be lifted to 11.5 per cent in a further attempt to dampen demand in the economy.

There is little sign that the last round of interest rate rises has done anything to slow down demand and huge amounts of imports are still being sucked in.

The inflation rate in July rose by only 0.1 of a percentage point, in line with expectations, leaving the retail price index at 106.7 (Jan 1987=100).

The increase was mainly caused by higher vehicle and insurance costs as well as further increases in electricity and gas prices. These were offset by seasonal factors such as the summer sales and the lower price of fresh foods.

In the August figures, however, the mortgage rate rises which came into effect this month are likely to push the retail price index up by at least 0.5 of a point. According to some City estimates, the monthly increase could be as much as 0.75, giving an annual inflation rate of 5.5 per cent.

Building society lending figures confirmed the boom in consumer demand with record loans to home buyers of £5.4 billion during July, substantially higher than the £4.9 billion lent in June.

Deposits also continued at a high rate, with £1.3 billion received in July — the highest ever recorded for the month.

The markets are now waiting anxiously for next week's balance of payments figures for July. They are expected to show a rise in the trade deficit of about £1 billion, making a total deficit of some £6.7 billion for first seven months of this year.

Mr Bill Martin, chief UK economist at Phillips & Drew, the broker, said: " Practically every aspect of the economy is still showing excessive demand. Tax cuts and higher pay awards mean that demand is likely to accelerate.

"This is bad news for pay, because the economy only seems to be speeding up as we go into the next pay round."

The pound showed almost no reaction to yesterday's inflation figures which had already been widely anticipated. The trade-weighted index remained unchanged at 76.7, with sterling marginally higher against the dollar at $1.7020.

Continuing dollar strength, however, prompted some intervention by the Bundesbank and the US Federal Reserve to keep the rate below DM1.90. The US currency closed 1 pfennig lower at DM1.8900.

Societies lend record £5.4bn

By Rodney Hobson

Building societies lent a record £5.43 billion in new mortgages in July, the first time the figure has topped £5 billion in a single month.

And although the start of August saw the end to multiple tax relief on joint mortgages, the societies committed themselves to lend a further £5.36 billion in the next two or three months, figures showed.

July's lending record easily beat the previous best of £4.92 billion set a month earlier and was almost double the £2.76 billion lent in January.

The societies also attracted more savers, with £1.36 billion pouring in.

It was the sixth consecutive month, and the eighth time in the past nine months, that the figure had topped £1 billion. Investors have put a net £10.78 billion into building societies since the stock market crash in October. The July figure was £1 billion more than the inflow in July 1987.

Mr Mark Boleat, director general of the Building Societies Association, said: "The inflow of funds into building societies rose to a high level immediately after the stock market crash last October and there is so far no sign of any decline in the rate of inflow.

"Net receipts are expected to continue to run at a high level in August and September although the inflow may be below that recorded in recent months."

Net receipts from non-retail sources such as syndicated bank loans, bonds and certificates of deposit were halved from £1.03 billion in June to £502 million in July.

The average house price in June was £55,725, an increase of 28.4 per cent over June 1987. The average new house sold for £64,578, up 29.7 per cent on a year earlier.

Building Society Receipts & Loans (£m)

1988	Net Rcpts	*Mortg Adv's	†New Pledges
Jan	890	2,762	2,877
Feb	1,102	3,082	4,350
Mar	1,059	4,222	5,885
Apr	1,576	3,861	4,773
May	1,358	4,390	5,266
Jun	1,239	4,924	5,668
Jul	1,362	5,431	5,360

*Gross †Net

Pressure rises for Horizon referral

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

There are mounting objections to the £75 million acquisition of Horizon, Britain's third largest package holidays operator, by Thomson Travel, the biggest holidays group.

It is likely to increase pressure on Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director General of Fair Trading, to refer the takeover for investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The deal with Bass, the brewer, was unconditional, so if a monopolies investigation went against Thomson, the travel group could be faced with divesting all or part of Horizon, which in addition to package holidays, operates the Orion charter airline.

The first objection, lodged with the Office of Fair Trading (OFT), came yesterday from Mr Harry Goodman, the chairman of International Leisure Group which includes the Intasun holidays operation.

Mr Goodman said: "The point is that the takeover would destabilize the industry. Either Thomson will go for reasonably profitable prices or there will be predatory pricing. Either way we see ourselves going for a market share for 1 million more holidays than we do now which would mean some extremely tough pricing." ILG expects to carry 2.6 million holidaymakers this year.

Mr Goodman added: "If Thomson goes for predatory pricing we are ready to make our own decisions. The result could be the bankrupting of 40 per cent of the industry."

Mr Goodman objects also to Thomson dominance of chartering. Its Britannia airline plus Orion has nearly 32 per cent of charters and 38 per cent of British chartering.

The Thomson deal would result in "an unprecedented concentration of power" in the package holiday industry

Motor trade falls further into red

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

The British motor industry's trade deficit worsened by 50 per cent to £2.36 billion in the first five months of 1988, as car imports jumped by more than a third. The total value of motor industry imports, compared with the same period last year, rose by 24.2 per cent to £5.04 billion, as exports improved by only 7.2 per cent to £2.68 billion.

The trade deficit in cars was more than £600 million higher at £1.86 billion in the period from January to May. Ford has imported heavily from Continental plants to rebuild stocks depleted by the two-week pay dispute in February.

Last year, Ford imported 86,000 cars in the first seven months but this rose to 135,000 between January and July 1988. Vauxhall imports rose from 43,000 to 58,000 over the same period.

Record demand for new cars in Britain has sucked in 109,000 more imported cars between January and July than in 1987. The situation will worsen when figures are available for the booming August registrations.

Declining American sales of imported European cars has hit UK exports. They fell 3.2 per cent in value in the first five months.

The value of heavy truck imports has risen by almost 50 per cent to £354 million in the first five months and lighter trucks by 27 per cent. The value of truck exports remains at only one third the value of imports and the number of heavy trucks exported has fallen 5.2 per cent this year.

Parts and accessories showed a deficit of £399 million, £55 million worse than last year, reflecting the loss of Ford's exports of parts and engines to its Continental plants during the pay dispute.

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What it takes to join the scandal busters

Insider dealing sleuths at SE

By Rosemary Unsworth

Bored with your job? If you have an inquiring mind, ability to interview others, and are willing to chase up and down the country asking questions about other people's share transactions you could apply for one of the two vacant posts in the Stock Exchange's insider dealing group.

The insider dealing investigators, who have been responsible for helping to detect at least two scandals, are part of the Stock Exchange's surveillance department. This is run amidst some secrecy by Mr Bob Wilkinson, aged 55.

The department has 12 teams, each of five members, who monitor and remind City firms of their compliance responsibilities. Using computer software they have designed themselves, the surveillance teams are able to collate details of the size of stock sold, where, and at what time and price as well as the identities of the two parties. This ability to discover, as early as 8.30 am, exactly what went on in the market the previous day has been enhanced since brokers now supply the clients' reference number.

But, as the events of last week proved when three City high fliers lost their jobs over insider dealing in the Mecca bid for Pleasurama, the system is now sufficiently sophisticated to make insider dealers think twice. All share price movements around the time of a takeover bid are routinely examined, particularly those just after the announcement, as insider dealers are usually anxious to take profits quickly.

Unusually large share transactions by clients who are not well known to their brokers are questioned, as are deals by people in stocks they do not usually trade.

The team looks at about 45 cases a week, of which about 20 are passed to the market's 13-strong insider dealing group headed by Mr Mike Felton, aged 36. His investigators split into two camps: the first, sifters of information, act as a criminal intelligence department. Their identities are kept secret by the Exchange but they are recruited from the ranks of former policemen, Department of Trade staff and one is a former typist.

They pass on about 10 cases a week for further questioning by a second group, the undercover foot soldiers. They ask questions of friends, colleagues, lovers and anyone they believe may provide an explanation for a shady deal.

Surprisingly 90 per cent of cases are unconnected directly with City personnel. If the investigators are not satisfied, a case may then go to the Department of Trade, which can appoint its own inspectors.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Royal Bank looks for European expansion

Royal Bank of Scotland yesterday confirmed it is looking for partnerships or acquisitions in Europe in the run-up to the single European market in 1992. Mr Bob Maiden, the managing director, said: "We are spending a lot of time examining the options in Europe." The bank is considering joint ventures and partnerships as well as acquisitions. It appears to be most inclined towards a major acquisition. "To have a useful acquisiition you have to have a substantial one," Mr Maiden said.

Royal has fewer overseas interests in comparison with the English clearing banks but is buying Citizens Bank, the US bank based in Rhode Island, for $440 million (£258.8 million).

Qantas in Air NZ bid

Qantas Airways, Australia's flag carrier, has said it has submitted a bid for part of Air New Zealand, but declined to name the price or percentage. Analysts said the bid was likely to be for the maximum 25 per cent allowed for a national flag carrier, and could cost Qantas up to Aus$150 million (£71.85 million). British Airways has also expressed interest in Air New Zealand.

Babygro offer wins support

Robert Lowe, the Chester-based clothing manufacturer which last month made an agreed £4.4 million bid for the Scottish children's wear group Babygro, said yesterday it had received acceptances representing 89.3 per cent of Babygro's share capital. The offer was declared unconditional. Babygro's share price has fallen from 160p last October to 40p after disappointing figures.

US deal lifts Philips

Shares in Philips, the Netherlands electricals company, rose by 0.80 to 33.80 guilders (£9.28) at the Amsterdam bourse opening yesterday on news of its sale of a 53 per cent stake in its large household appliances business to the US Whirlpool Corp.

The gain followed movements on Wall Street, where Philips' stock gained $⅝ to a closing $15⅝ on news of the $470 million (£277 million) deal. In Amsterdam the stock soon slipped to 33.40 guilders. "This Whirlpool deal is nice, but Philips remains a lousy bargain," one dealer said.

Friendly expansion

Friendly Hotels, the expanding chain being built out of the old Arden and Cobden group by Mr Henry Edwards, the hotelier, is to build a Friendly Lodge, with 84 bedrooms, in Norwich. Work should start soon and the hotel is expected to open in the autumn of 1989. The opening will be the third carried out by Friendly Hotels in conjunction with the British Land property group.

BZW seeks Singapore link

Barclays de Zoete Wedd has applied to the Singapore Stock Exchange to buy a 49 per cent stake in Pacific Union, a brokerage firm. BZW said in a statement that Mr John Quinton, the chairman of Barclays Bank, had discussed the possibility of BZW gaining access to the exchange with Singapore government officials and with the exchange. No further details were given.

Wentworth partners

Benlox, the investment and property group, has completed the joint venture agreement with Chelsfield, a private property company, for the purchase of Wentworth, the prestigious golf club, which is being bought from Amec, the construction group for £17.7 million.

Benlox said it had subscribed for 500,000 shares in the company, worth £2.5 million, and for £2 million in loan stock. Part of the property of the club will be used for residential and leisure development.

STOCK MARKET

Talk hardens of bid for Blue Arrow

Further good business was transacted in **Blue Arrow**, the world's biggest employment agency, yesterday as speculators continued to put their money on a bid materializing for the beleaguered group before long.

Activity in the shares, which reached fever pitch last Monday when a hefty 37.9 million changed hands, continued at a lively pace. Renewed support appeared on suggestions that ADT, the former Hawley Group headed by Mr Michael Ashcroft, has been stake-building. The closing price was a further 1p higher at 99p on a turnover of more than 8 million shares.

A statement from Blue Arrow saying that it knew nothing about any purchases by ADT went almost unnoticed as buyers continued to climb aboard amid revived talk that perhaps ADIA, the Swiss employment agency, or Saatchi & Saatchi, the large advertising agency, might be bidders.

Blue Arrow recently plummeted to a low of 83p after Mr Mark Shepperd, the group's "house" broker, cut his pre-tax profits estimate for the current year from £115 million to £80 million.

Many analysts said at the time of the downgrading that, with the shares languishing at 83p, the group was vulnerable to a bid.

Various other speculation, including talk that Mr Tony Berry, the chairman, is at loggerheads with the management of his US operations, has fanned the takeover flames.

County NatWest WoodMac, the broker and the group's financial adviser, also holds a 10 per cent stake after being forced to take up the rump of the £831 million rights issue.

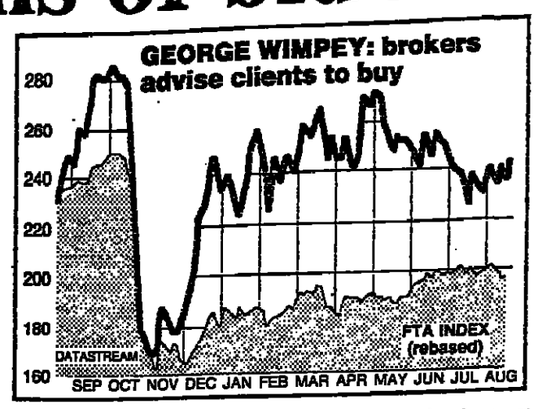
Elsewhere, the rest of the equity market ended the first leg of the long, holiday account on a firm note with the help of an early rise on Wall Street.

The volume of overall business has been depressed all this week by concern about the outlook for inflation and interest rates, but the market took yesterday's news that the annual inflation rate had edged up to 4.8 per cent — its highest for two-and-a-half years — with a pinch of salt.

Dunton Group, the USM-listed property developer and brick-maker, is worth watching at 45p. Speculation still persists that a bid of at least 70p a share is on the chairman's table, while the annual results are expected to make good reading. A property deal may also be on the cards.

The FT-SE 100 share index ended the day 10.4 points up at 1,844.3, after 1,846.0, while the narrower FT 30 share index closed 8.3 points higher at 1,484.5.

Receding fears of a further, early increase in base lending rates encouraged gilt-edged stocks to harden by £⅛.



Shares of George Wimpey, one of the largest house-builders in Britain, attracted a flurry of speculative interest and closed 8p higher at 243p, after 246p, following a turnover of 1.4 million shares.

The revived buying was started by James Capel advising its clients to buy the shares ahead of the interim results next month, at the same time that a rival broker, Kleinwort Grieveson Securities, was urging investors to switch out of Amec and into Wimpey.

Capel apparently expects the first-half pre-tax profits to show at least a 50 per cent improvement on last year's figure of £25 million, and is confident that the market should hear some bullish news soon about the group's Little Britain property development in London.

The rise in the shares was also accompanied by the old story that the Wimpey family's Grove Charity Management Trust holding of 25 per cent is about to change hands.

Still in the building sector, **Taylor Woodrow** moved up 4p more to 554p. The shares have strongly outperformed the market ever since takeover hopes were raised by P&O, Sir Jeffrey Sterling's shipping and property group, which increased its stake in the company to more than 8 per cent.

The interim results are due out on Tuesday and County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, is expecting first-half pre-tax profits of £27.5 million against last year's £21.1 million.

Polly Peck International, the agriculture, electronics and textiles group, rose by 3p to 318p, after 323p.

Investors chased the shares higher on hearing that Mr Asil Nadir, the chairman, has acquired a further 1.5 million shares in PPI at prices between 314p and 324p through Restro Investments, his private company. He now holds 48 million shares, or 26 per cent of the issued share capital.

Grand Metropolitan's unprecedented step of putting a minimum £500 million balance-sheet value on some of its recently-acquired brands led to some good buying of selected "brand name" companies.

County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, admires Cookson, the specialist metals and chemicals manufacturer, which closed 2p better at 261p. It feels Cookson will not bid for Johnson Matthey, and that the titanium dioxide market will not fall, so the shares are cheap.

Church & Co, which manufactures and retails expensive shoes of the same name, jumped by 20p to 470p, while **Danhill**, the luxury goods company 51 per cent owned by **Rothmans International**, advanced by 14p to 229p with County NatWest WoodMac reported to be an aggressive buyer. Rothmans added 8p at 437p.

Unilever, the Walls ice cream, Persil soap powder and Gibbs toothpaste conglomerate, could close only 1p better at 455p — but analysts still feel that it will be the main beneficiary of any re-rating in the coming weeks.

Cadbury Schweppes, the Kit Kat, Mars and Creme Eggs chocolate group, rallied by 8p to 386p as 3.4 million shares changed hands.

The shares were weak on Thursday in sympathy with the referral of Goodman Fielder's bid for Ranks Hovis McDougall, but yesterday they responded afresh to revived talk that General Cinema of the US, which holds an 18.2 per cent stake in the company, will soon launch a full-scale offer.

Investors were also busy picking up shares ahead of the interim results which are due out early next month. With the American group breathing down its neck, analysts are confident that the figures will make extremely good reading.

Consolidated Gold Fields, the mining finance house run by Mr Rudolph Agnew, continued to be firm at £10.28, up a further 3p, on a turnover of 1 million shares.

Speculation that the group's Amey Roadstone subsidiary has been awarded the contract to widen London's M25 orbital motorway helped to drum up fresh interest.

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ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
AOT	1,404	CU	950	Laporte	281	Saatchi	985
Abbey	2,611	Cons Gold	1,069	L&G	383	Sainsbury	1,783
Allid-Lyons	368	Cookson	1,332	Lloyds	1,618	Scot & N	2,683
Amstrad	289	Courtaulds	149	Lonrho	2,565	Sears	5,397
ASDA	726	Dalgety	792	Lucas	677	Sedgwick	457
AB Foods	242	Dee	682	Magnet	1,287	Shell	436
Argyll	1,921	Ducros	1,486	M&S	2,550	Siebe	292
BAA	519	ECC	2,616	Maxwell Cm	147	Slough	523
BET	582	Enterprise	1,4321	MEPC	217	Smith & N	348
BTR	1,672	Ferranti	3,704	Metal Box	568	Smith WH	227
BAT	885	Fisons	13,927	Midland	1,264	Smiths Ind	1,192
Barclays	2,450	FKI Babck	1,416	NatWest	816	STC	452
Bass	829	Gen Acc	207	Next	605	Stan Chart	2,823
Beecham	1,042	GEC	3,367	Nth Food	295	Storehse	937
Beazer	6	Glaxo	635	P&O	495	Sun Allnce	743
Bersfd SW	445	Globe Inv	135	Pearl	218	T & N	343
BICC	113	Glynwed	275	Pearson	165	Tarmac	1,357
Blue Arrow	8,312	Granada	2,174	Pilkington	854	Tate & Lyle	606
Blue Circle	672	Grand Met	1,955	Plessey	957	Taylor Wood	n/a
BOC	743	GUS 'A'	501	Polly Peck	2,673	TSB	1,612
Boots	1,603	GRE	833	Prudential	1,046	Tesco	4,608
BPB	285	GKN	1,237	Racal	1,570	Thorn EMI	316
Br Aero	2,156	Guinness	419	Rk Hovis	3,099	Trafalgar	416
Br Airways	1,594	Hamm 'A'	68	Rank	171	THF	631
Br Comm	114	Hanson	10,717	R&C	121	Ultramar	673
Br Gas	5,344	H & C	166	Redland	604	Unigate	135
Br Land	515	Hawker	60	Reed	845	Unilever	1,302
Br Petrol	304	Hillsdown	431	Reuters	663	United Bis	8712
Br Telecm	7,802	IMI	1,826	RMC Gp	599	Utd News	382
Bunzl	395	ICI	467	RTZ	5,189	Wellcome	406
Burmah	586	Inchcape	659	R-Royce	1,669	Whitbrd	917
Burton	625	Jaguar	726	Rothmn 'B'	535	Williams	843
C&W	1,381	Lasmo	665	Rowntree	10	Willis Fab	34
Cadbury	3,419	Ladbroke	572	Royal Bank	406	Wimpey G	1,468
Coats	1,292	Land Sec	1,080	Royal Ins	1,414	Woolworth	19

NEW YORK

Early buying lifts Dow by 14 points

(Reuter) — Shares remained higher in early trading yesterday after an opening flurry of buying, coming in part from futures traders, when the Standard & Poor's nearby contract went to a premium over cash stocks. A rise in bond prices also helped, analysts said.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 14 points higher at 2,041.03 after rising to 2,043.00, and gaining issues outnumbered falling ones by almost two to one. Mr Eugene Peroni, the chief technical analyst at Janney Montgomery Scott, pointed out that the Dow average had risen above the 2,008.00 to 2,035.00 support area.

However, he said: "The stock market is not going to run away in either direction." Trading was light.

● **Sydney** — At the close of floor trading, the All-Ordinaries Index was 9.5 points higher at 1,640.6 while the All-Industrials Index gained 8.8 points to 2,626.9. The All-Resources Index was 9.4 up at 894.2 and the gold marker rose by 10.4 to 1,920.3.

Shares advanced for the third consecutive day in moderately strong trading, particularly in blue chips.

TOKYO

Nikkei closes higher on robust turnover

(Reuter) — Share prices closed near the day's highs in brisk trade as the summer holiday season tapered off, but the upward momentum was stifled by some profit-taking ahead of the weekend, brokers said.

The Nikkei index gained 80.06 points, or 0.28 per cent, to close at 28,209.42. It shed 49.50 points on Thursday.

Advancing issues led declining shares by about seven to five.

Turnover was a robust 1 billion shares against 750 million on Thursday. This compares with record low levels of 230 million and 260 million shares on Monday and Tuesday respectively.

"Market volume is warming up now," said Mr Toshiyuki Nishiguchi, a broker at Daiwa Securities.

"We will continue to see the concentration mainly on high technology issues into next week, with land-related stock not disappearing — there will be a cyclical switch between the two routes," said Mr Ross Rowbury, a broker at Sanyo Securities.

● **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index gained 8.34 points to finish at 2,579.75. One broker said investors were nervous about possible further increases in interest rates and inflation, adding that the market was expected to remain dull and quiet next week.

FRANKFURT

Late support for shares

(Reuter) — Prices ended a quiet day easier yesterday but at the best levels of the day, with operator short-covering towards the end.

The DAX 30-share index closed 3.15 points or 0.26 per cent lower at a day's high of 1,170.78. Commerzbank's 60-share index, taken at midday, fell by 18.2 points or 1.23 per cent to 1,467.1.

WALL STREET

	Aug 18	Aug 17		Aug 18	Aug 17		Aug 18	Aug 17
AMR Cp	43¼	42⅞	Fedders	9⅜	9¼	Pennzoil	70¾	70¾
ASA	36⅝	36⅝	Fst Chicago	32¼	32⅜	Pepsico	35⅛	35⅝
Aetna Life	48⅝	48¼	Fst Int Bncp	50⅞	50⅝	Pfizer	51⅝	50⅞
Allied Signal	32¾	33	Fst Penn C	11⅝	11⅝	Phelps Dod	37⅛	37½
Allis Chim	¾	¾	FT Wachva	38⅜	39	Philip Mor	91⅛	90½
Alcoa	47⅛	48¼	Ford Motor	49⅝	49	Philip Ptrl	17⅛	17¼
Amax Inc	21⅛	21⅛	GAF Cp	46⅞	47⅛	Pillsbury	36⅝	35⅝
AMR Hess	26¼	26⅛	GTE Cp	40⅜	40⅝	Polaroid	43⅜	43⅛
Am Brands	47⅜	47⅝	Gen Cp	19⅝	18¾	Primerica	27⅝	27⅞
Am Cynmd	46⅝	46⅝	Gn Dynam	49⅝	50¼	Proct Gble	73	72⅝
Am Ele Pwr	26⅝	26⅜	Gen Electric	40	40⅜	Pub SE Gr	23⅜	23⅞
Amexs	29⅛	29¼	Gen Inst	29⅝	29⅝	R Nabisco	50⅝	50½
Am Family	12⅞	12⅞	Gen Mills	50	50	Raytheon	64¾	65¼
Am Home	75⅛	75¼	Gen Motors	73¾	74	Rynlds Metl	48	48⅝
Am Int Grp	61¼	61	Gen Pub Ut	33⅛	33⅜	Rockwell Int	20	19⅞
Am Telph	24¾	24⅝	Genesco	5⅜	5⅜	Royal Dutch	109⅛	109¼
Amoco Cp	75	75¼	Georgia Pac	37	36⅝	SFE Sopac	18⅜	18⅜
Anheuser B	29⅜	29⅜	Gillette	33⅛	33⅜	Sara Lee	40⅝	41⅛
Arch Dan	18	18	Goodrich	45⅜	45⅝	Schlumb	34	34⅛
Armco Steel	10	10	Goodyear	56	56⅛	Scott Paper	35⅝	35¼
Asarco Inc	23⅜	22⅞	Gould Inc	14⅜	14	Seagram	53⅜	53⅜
Ashland Oil	33⅛	33	Grace Co	24½	24⅝	Sears Roeb	36	35⅞
Atl Richfld	80⅛	81⅛	Grt Atl Pac	41¼	40⅞	Sec Pac	37⅛	37
Avon Prod	23⅜	23⅛	Greyhnd	31⅝	31⅜	Shell Trans	70⅛	70⅝
Bk Boston	28⅛	28	Grumman	21¾	21⅜	Smith Beck	45⅞	45⅞
Bank NY	35½	35¼	Gulf Westn	42½	42⅝	Sony Cp	53¼	53¼
Bankamer	14⅜	14⅜	Heinz	42½	42⅜	SW Bell	37	36⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	37⅛	37⅜	Hercules	45⅝	44⅜	Squibb	63⅛	63⅛
Baxter	20¼	20¼	Hewlett Pk	45¼	44¼	Sun Comp	56⅛	55⅞
Beth Steel	21½	21	Honeywell	59¾	60¾	TDK	79⅛	79½
Boeing	56⅝	55⅞	IC Ind	34⅜	34	TRW Inc	41½	41¼
Boise Casc	41⅝	41⅜	ITT Cp	47½	47⅝	Teledyne	322¼	323
Borden	53⅛	52⅞	INCO	28⅝	28⅛	Tenneco	46⅛	46¼
Bristl Meyr	42¼	41⅞	Ing Rand Wi	35⅞	35⅞	Texaco	46	46⅜
BP	52⅜	52⅞	Inland Steel	36⅛	35¼	Tex Eastn	24½	25
Brunswick	20	19⅝	IBM	114½	114⅝	Texas Inst	38⅝	39⅜
Burl Nth	64¼	64¼	Int Paper	43⅞	43⅜	Tex Util	28⅜	28⅝
CBS	159⅝	160¼	Irving Bk	66⅝	66⅝	Textron	23¼	23⅜
CMS Engy	21	20⅞	Jhsn & Jhsn	80⅜	80½	Travelers	34	34⅛
CPC Int	46⅝	47⅜	K'Mart	32¼	32¼	UAL Cp	92¼	92¾
CSX Cp	25⅞	26¼	Kidsertech	17⅞	17⅛	USG Cp	7⅜	7⅜
Camp Soup	27⅞	27⅛	Kerr McGee	35½	35⅝	USX Cp	27⅛	28
Can Pacific	17⅛	17⅜	Kimberly Clrk	55	55¼	Unilever Plc	30¼	30⅜
Caterpillar	55⅝	55⅝	Kraft	55⅝	55½	Un Carbide	22¼	22¼
Centrl SW	30½	30¼	Kroger	34⅜	32½	Un Pac Cp	57⅜	56¼
Champion	31½	31⅝	LTV Cp	3⅜	3¼	Unisys Cp	31⅜	31½
Chase Man	28⅝	28⅝	Litton	73¼	73½	Unit Brand	17¼	16⅝
Chem Bank	32¼	32⅛	Lockheed	41	40⅜	Us West	54¼	54½
Chevron	44⅝	45	Lone Star	31½	31⅞	Utd Tech	36	36¼
Chrysler	22¼	22⅝	Man H'nver	28⅛	28⅝	Unocal	36⅜	35⅞
Citicorp	23¼	23⅞	Manville	2	2	Warn Lamb	72¼	71⅞
Clark Eq	31½	31½	Mapco	55½	55¼	Wells Far	63⅝	64
Coca Cola	39⅝	39⅝	Marriott	28⅜	28¾	Westg El	49¾	50¼
Colgate	43¼	43	Mr Marrieta	38¾	39	Weyerhsr	24¼	24¼
Columb Gas	31½	31¼	Masco	25	25¼	Whirlpool	25¾	25⅝
Cmb'tn Eng	32¼	32⅞	Mcdonalds	43¼	43⅝	Woolworth	50¼	50⅞
Cmwlth Ed	28½	28⅝	McDonnell	64	62¾	Xerox Cp	53¾	54½
Cons Edis	42⅞	42½	Mead Cp	38½	38¾	Zenith	20¾	20⅜
Consol Ng	35½	35⅝	Merck	55⅞	55			
Cont Data	22¼	22¼	Minsta Mng	61	61¼	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	57¼	57¼	Mobil	42¾	43⅜			
Crane	29⅝	29¼	Monsanto	81¼	80⅝	Agnco Eag	17¼	17
Curtiss W	50¼	50¼	Momedison	13⅜	13½	Alcan Alum	35⅞	35½
Data Genl	17¼	17½	Morgan Jp	35¼	36	Algoma Stl	26.62	26.75
Deere Co	42⅜	43½	Motorola	42¾	42⅝	Can Pacific	22	22
Delta Airl	48⅝	48	NCR	54	54½	Cominco	18¼	19¼
Detroit Edi	14¼	14⅜	NL Indstrs	6¾	6⅝	Con Bathrst	14¼	14¼
Digital Eq	94½	95	Nat Med Ent	19⅝	19¼	Hawk S Can	22½	22¼
Disney	61½	62⅝	Nat Semi	9	9¼	Hud Bay M	16⅝	18½
Dow Chem	82¾	82½	Norfolk Sth	27¼	27¾	Imasco	24¾	24¾
Dressr Ind	29¼	29¼	NW Bancrp	32⅛	32⅜	Imperial Oil	54¾	54¼
Dupont	80⅝	81⅛	Ocdd Pett	25⅛	26	Inco	35¾	36
Duke Pwr	43⅛	43⅛	Ogden Cp	27¾	26⅞	Royl Trstco	16	16
East Kodak	44¾	43⅞	Olin Cp	44¾	44⅛	Seagram	66	65⅝
Eaton Cp	74⅜	75⅛	PPG Ind	41⅞	41⅛	Shelco 'A'	24⅛	42½
Emerson El	28	28	Pac Enterp	44	44	Thmsn N 'A'	26¼	26½
Emery Air	4⅜	4½	Pac Gas El	16⅛	16¼	Varity Cp	3.40	3.45
Exxon	45⅞	46⅛	Pan Am	2¾	2½	WCT	17	16⅜
Farah Inc	10⅜	10⅜	Penney JC	46⅝	46⅛	Weston	32⅝	33

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

BMSS (118p)	121
Bucknall Aust (110p)	121
Builder Gp (125p)	170 +2
Caldwell Inv	51
Chrstie Grp (145p)	173
City Gate	316 +8
Colroy (150p)	156
Computer People	192 +3
Conroy Pet	49
Eng O'seas Prop (155p)	136
Erostin Group (185p)	168
European Colour	28½
Heritage (95p)	183
Herring Son (150p)	150
Jackson Group	112
Lincat Group (115p)	160 +2
Lowndes Ven.	103
Nat Telecom	141
Palmerston Hldgs	235 -8
Rockfort	130 +2
Saunderson Elec (130p)	153
Savills (125p)	128
SCRcorp	£18 11/16 -3/16
Severfield-R (80p)	94
Sonic Tape (15p)	14½
Steetley	330 +2
Tamaris	57 +2
Tams (John) (80p)	88
Thomtons (125p)	132

RIGHTS ISSUES

Amber N/P	22 -1
Brunning Gp N/P	5
Durham (DG) N/P	9 -3
Energy Cap N/P	2½ +½
NMC N/P	1
Pennine 'A' N/P	2⅛ +⅛
Pleasurama N/P	74 +1
Sindall (W) N/P	10
Union Sqr N/P	16

(Issue price in brackets).

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Allid Lyon (*423)	390	41	53	60	5	11	13
	420	21	31	40	13	23	26
	450	7	15	23	42	45	50
Bass (*788)	750	57	70	80	8	22	27
	800	25	38	50	28	42	47
	850	6	18	-	67	80	-
Brit Air (*182)	140	23	26	29	2	4½	9
	150	8½	14	18	8	14	16
	180	1½	5	-	23	27	-
Brit Cons (*239)	220	25	30	37	5	8	10
	240	13	18	25	13	16	20
	260	5	11	15	27	30	32
Brit Gas (*185)	160	27½	32	33	½	1½	2¾
	180	10½	16½	18	3¼	6	8¼
	200	2	6½	8¼	16½	17	19
BP (*251)	240	17	25¼	28	3½	6½	11½
	260	6	13½	16	13	14½	23
	280	1½	6	8½	30	30	36
Cons Gold (*1028)	950	100	140	170	28	43	55
	1000	70	105	145	47	65	80
	1100	32	70	90	115	130	135
Courtauld (*343)	300	50	-	-	1	-	-
	330	27	35	45	9	13	18
	360	10	21	28	24	32	34
Cons Union (*364)	350	22	35	44	12	18	28
	390	6	21	28	30	34	42
	420	4	10	-	55	57	-
C & W (*392)	330	70	82	87	2	6	10
	360	45	55	63	8	12	16
	390	23	35	45	18	22	26
GEC (*163)	140	26	31	35	1	3	5
	160	8	14	17	4	7	10
	180	2	6	10	20	21	23
GKN (*332)	300	38	47	55	3½	6	10
	330	16	25	32	8	13	20
Grand Met (*332)	360	4½	13	19	31	35	41
	400	105	-	-	1	-	-
	460	67	82	87	3	7	13
ICI (*1023)	500	34	50	57	12	18	25
	550	10	23	31	40	45	50
	900	135	160	-	3	8	-
	950	90	118	-	9	18	-
	1000	55	67	-	22	32	-
	1100	12	38	-	88	90	-
Jaguar (*276)	240	38	46	-	2	6	-
	280	23	33	43	6	12	16
	320	10½	21	31	16	21	25
Land Sec (*571)	500	82	92	105	3	7	12
	550	40	55	68	10	20	25
	600	13	27	38	35	42	46
M & S (*167)	160	13¾	16½	20½	3	5¾	7
	180	2¾	7	9½	15¾	17½	18¾
R-Royce (*140)	200	1½	2¾	-	34½	36½	-
	130	13	17	20	3¾	6	8
	140	6¾	11	13½	7	10	13
	160	2	5	7	23	24	27
STC (*283)	260	28	37	44	3	7	10
	280	14	24	31	8	13	16
	300	7	15	21	20	24	28
Sainsbury (*218)	200	24	29	32	1	4	5
	220	8	16	20	7	11	14
	240	2	7	-	24	24	-
	260	1	3	-	44	44	-
Shell (*1036)	950	95	-	-	12	-	-
	1000	53	-	-	28	-	-
	1100	10	31	46	90	97	122
Storehse (*235)	240	14	22	28	13	21	24
	260	7	14	20	30	33	36
	280	3	9	-	48	50	-
Trafalgar (*320)	280	48	58	67	3	6	8
	300	32	37	42	5	11	15
	330	12	18	23	18	27	32
TSB (*108)	90	20	23	-	-	1½	-
	100	10½	14	-	1½	3	-
	110	3½	6¾	8½	5	6½	8
Utd Biscs (*290)	300	9	14	20	17	22	24
	330	1½	5	10	44	46	47
Ultramar (*274)	260	15	26	33	2	6	8
	300	7½	16	22	24	28	33
	330	3½	12	-	60	60	-
Woolworth (*252)	260	26	33	40	3	6	8
	280	11	20	26	11	14	16
	300	3½	10	15	25	27	28

	Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Glaxo (*968)	900	63	103	133	7	25	35
	950	46	70	100	20	45	55
	1000	22	47	73	50	73	88
	1100	2½	17	-	140	145	-
Hanson (*144)	130	14½	18	19½	½	2¼	3¼
	140	6½	10¾	12½	2¾	6¼	7¼
	160	⅛	2⅝	4½	18½	19½	19½
Hawker (*521)	480	38	77	90	3	5	9
	500	35	47	60	9	18	25
	550	9	20	35	38	45	50
Hillsdown (*296)	260	32	37	47	2	5	7
	280	16	21	28	7	10	14
	300	4	10	17	18	23	28
Lasmo (*248)	222	27½	34	-	1½	4	-
	240	13	23	28	5	9	15
	260	4½	13	16	17	28	26
Midland (*415)	390	32	47	-	3	7	-
	420	14	23	36	14	19	27
	460	2	7	14	47	48	53
Sears (*145)	110	37	38	42	½	1	1½
	120	27	29	33½	¼	1¼	3¼
	130	18	22	27	1⅞	4	6
Tesco (*148)	140	12	16	21	2	5	6
	160	2	6	10	14	16	16
	180	½	1½	4	33	34	34
Thorn EMI (*866)	600	75	82	95	1½	6	12
	650	37	50	65	7	20	27
	700	5	20	35	38	47	50
THF (*253)	220	38	43	48	1	2½	5¼
	240	19	28	30	3	7	12
	260	7	15	18½	12	16	22
Unilever (*457)	420	42	52	62	3	7	13
	460	15	25	32	14	23	28
	500	3	11	17	48	50	53
Wellcome (*508)	500	28	42	50	9	14	32
	550	7	22	30	48	50	60
	600	1½	9	21	97	98	100

	Series	Sep	Nov	Jan	Sep	Nov	Jan
RMC (*409)	420	9	20	26	22	27	30
	460	2½	9	13	57	58	63
	500	1	4	8	95	97	97

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
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Jaguar 'must cut costs to cope with currency losses'

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Sir John Egan, the Jaguar chairman, said yesterday that the company must follow the example of the Japanese and cut costs substantially to cope with adverse exchange rates in its important export markets.

However, he gave warning that in line with the Japanese, it could take Jaguar two or three years to achieve the improvements required before healthy profits returned. A 10 cent weakening in the dollar against the pound cuts £35 million from Jaguar's profits.

"We have no alternative but to cut costs and it is the biggest challenge facing us," Sir John said. "I don't know whether we will get the unions to understand but the men on the shopfloor do."

Jaguar has ensured in recent years that its workers are the best paid in the industry but as it faces pay talks in the autumn, the chairman said: "Right now is not the time to be expecting substantial improvements in the standard of living for Jaguar employees."

Productivity is no longer stuck at four cars per man per year and has improved to 4.5, although Sir John emphasized that it still lagged behind Mercedes and BMW. "I don't believe we have ever been cost-effective and we have to improve to the level of our rivals." he added.

Improvements will not be limited to the factory floor. Sir John said changes had to be made throughout the whole managerial process. "We will have to undergo a big internal revolution in order to improve." There will be new pressure on capital investment programmes to produce financial benefits earlier than planned.

The weak demand for imported cars in America was because buyers were adjusting to the price increases the European makers had made to compensate for the weaker dollar, Sir John said. The 1988 forecast for US sales has been cut back and the aim is to bring delivery and stocks in all markets into line.

Half the improvement in Jaguar sales this year will come from Britain where more than 14,000 sales will be achieved, representing a doubling of registrations in two years.



Facing the cost challenge: Sir John Egan, Jaguar chairman

SIB seeks tighter rules on liability

By John Bell, City Editor

The Securities and Investments Board, the industry watchdog, is proposing to tighten its rules to protect private investors.

The SIB wants to ban clauses in client agreements which will restrict or remove the liability of investment firms to their clients in cases where SIB rules are breached. A proposed rule would prevent such clauses in customer agreements after October 3. Thereafter firms authorized by the SIB will be prohibited from using exclusion clauses.

The change is one of several set out in a consultative document yesterday. Other proposed rule amendments include an extension of the "best endeavours" rule, designed to enable authorized firms to show they had taken all reasonable steps to comply with the SIB's conduct of business rules. The changes would apply to dealing with professional investors and would not affect the rights of private investors.

Mr David Walker, the SIB chairman, said the proposals included provisions designed to mitigate concern in the industry over possible litigation from professional clients and to enhance private investor protection. "In particular, the ban on exclusion clauses should reduce potential confusion and the risk of disadvantage to private investors."

The customer agreement was intended to inform and protect private investors, not to provide investment firms with a means of circumventing or avoiding their obligations to clients, he added.

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Ecobric calls for rescue bid support

By Our City Staff

Ecobric, the loss-making demolition group quoted on the USM, faces the threat of receivership unless its shareholders back a £9 million rescue bid from Zurich, the private property development group.

Marler Estates, which owns 69 per cent of Ecobric and supports the bid, said if the offer did not succeed it would withdraw its financial backing.

Zurich is mounting a reverse takeover bid for Ecobric but needs 90 per cent support from all the shareholders to secure a listing on the USM.

So far only 66 per cent of the loan stockholders have supported the offer. Zurich extended the bid for another 21 days until September 9.

One of its advisers said: "Loan stockholders are being offered slightly below par for their stock. We think it is a generous offer in the circumstances. The company has heavy borrowings and unless the bid goes through the receiver will be called in."

Ecobric said yesterday: "If the offers do not proceed then given Ecobric's present financial position and the effect which the withdrawal of Marler's support will have on its continuing ability to raise funds, the board of Ecobric will have to consider whether it is necessary to apply for appointment of a receiver.

"At the last balance sheet date, Ecobric had net liabilities of £1.7 million. In view of this and the fact that, on a break-up basis, the book value of assets is unlikely to be realized, returns to shareholders and stockholders are likely to be minimal."

Berisford £33m offer for Billingsgate

By Cliff Feltham

S&W Berisford, the food and commodities conglomerate, has launched a £33.5 million offer for the preferred share capital of Billingsgate City Securities, whose only asset is Midland Montagu House, an office building in the City.

The bid effectively ends the experiment of floating single asset property vehicles on the London stock market.

Berisford owns all the ordinary shares in Billingsgate and has been trying to support the price of the preferred shares since they were floated in London in June. But Berisford admitted yesterday the idea had flopped.

"No similar issues have been made and the market has suffered from a lack of sustained interest and liquidity," it said.

"Furthermore the rent reviews on the property take place only at five-yearly intervals (the next review not being due until March 1990) which has not assisted in generating interest in the Billingsgate preferred shares."

Berisford, through its Swiss offshoot Erlanger, has built up a 22 per cent stake in the preferred shares by endeavouring to support the price and has now offered 130p a share in cash for the balance.

Bishopsgate Investment Management — part of the Maxwell Communication Corporation — has pledged its 29.9 per cent giving Berisford 52 per cent. The shares were originally issued at 100p each.

One of Berisford's advisers said that no decision had been taken as to the future of Midland Montagu House which is producing a rental income of £5 million a year.

The 185,000 sq ft property was valued at £110 million by Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks this year. But Berisford, which has recently sold Princess House, near Cannon Street Station in the City for £43 million, could well decide to keep the building in its property portfolio.

● S&W Berisford is buying Single Service, a portion packed food supplier, owned by its own management and Sketchley, the dry cleaners, for an undisclosed sum. In the year ended April 1988 Single Services had a turnover of £4.4 million.

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Fitzwilton in £6.8m cash and carry deal

By Wolfgang Münchau

Fitzwilton, the Dublin-based investment holding company headed by Mr Tony O'Reilly, has moved into the cash and carry market through its acquisition of 85 per cent of the share capital of Roy Hall Cash & Carry, in an agreed bid worth Ir£8.1 million (£6.8 million).

A spokesman for the company said Fitzwilton intends to transform Roy Hall, which operates one store in Manchester, into a nationwide chain of cash and carry business.

Fitzwilton has also announced it is raising Ir£25 million to pursue further acquisitions. Of the amount, Ir£20 million will be raised through a share placing, while the remaining Ir£5 million will come from a one-for-10 rights issue of 3.5 million shares at a price of Ir£1.35.

It is believed that the funds will be used primarily to extend the company's exposure in the distribution and food sector. Last year the company bought a 30 per cent in The Keep Trust, a motor distribution and leasing business, which has since been changed into a new company, Norfolk Finance.

The announcement of the placing and the Roy Hall takeover coincided with the company's interim results, which saw pre-tax profits surge from Ir£570,000 to Ir£1.9 million in the six months ended June. Earnings per share went up from Ir£1.75 to Ir£4.01.

The company has announced a second interim dividend of Ir1p.

Bond's HK firm leaps to £39m

Bond Corporation International, Mr Alan Bond's Hong Kong investment vehicle, yesterday reported after-tax profits of HK$525.1 million (£39.56 million) for the six months ending June 30, almost three times the 1987 interim figure.

The profits were boosted by the sale in June of the firm's residential property portfolio for HK$385 million more than the HK$1 billion he paid for it 19 months earlier. The interim dividend is 3 cents against last year's 2.3 cents.

Airline denies ticket charges

American Airlines, said complaints by Texas Air Corp about American's computerized reservation system were without foundation. Earlier Texas Air said three of its subsidiaries have filed charges with the Department of Transportation, alleging that American and United Airlines are illegally diverting passengers from Texas Air companies through misuse of their computerized reservations.

Bank boost

The Hang Seng Bank announced profits for the six months ending June 30, up 17 per cent to HK$483.6 million (£36.44 million).An interim dividend of 28 cents per share is being paid, 17 per cent more than in 1987 after taking into account a one-for-four scrip issue in April.

£2m cash call

Shareholders in Colorgraphics, the USM-quoted printer, have approved a rights issue of 1 million shares. Existing shareholders took up 32 per cent of the offer, the remainder was placed with institutions. The issue raised £2.14 million.

Rights agreed

Shareholders in Campbell and Armstrong, the USM-quoted shopfitters, gave the go-ahead for a rights issue of 1.33 million shares at an extraordinary general meeting. The company said 95.6 per cent of the issue was taken up, the rest sold in the market.

Bath buyout

BM Group, the engineering subsidiary of the CH Beazer housebuilding group, is selling its Bath Plant Hire Services business to its directors for £5 million.

NZ wire sale

The state-owned Telecom Corp of New Zealand has sold its national telegram service to Freightways Group for an undisclosed price.

COMMENT

Shares offer value but may still be spurned

Monday's sharp drop in share prices was enough to turn SBCI Savory Milln's chartist Richard Lake into a (moderate) bear. He concluded that the general uptrend in the FT-SE 100 share index since November was beginning to break and the index might come back down to 1,700. For the rest of the week, it recovered right back to 1,844.

But the big institutional managers will certainly be asking themselves some searching questions when they pick up their buckets and spades and return to make their autumn investment decisions.

The race between the Chancellor's anti-overheating measures and the impatience of currency dealers still looks more likely to be won by the pound-bashers. If that turns out to be true, the markets will be looking for further substantial rises in interest rates instead of regarding the recent 3.5 point rise as a necessary but temporary measure.

But last October's crash taught investors to pay more attention to fundamentals and not just the follow-my-leader trends. After dithering about over the summer, the index still stands at about the same level as 18 months ago — just before the final hectic 30 per cent rise.

While share prices may be the same as 18 months ago, the fundamentals look remarkably different. In February 1987 the average share sold at more than 16 times earnings. Now it sells at 12½ times, thanks to buoyant profits. On Wall Street, which has been slavishly followed by London, the average price/earnings ratio has come down from 20 to 14.

At the same time, the dividend yield on the all-share index has risen from 3.6 per cent to 4.3 per cent. That is a particularly important measure because personal tax changes and takeover threats have made boards much more eager to boost their dividend payments. Among successful companies, 20 per cent dividend rises have become almost the norm. Dividends are likely to keep going up strongly even if earnings growth slackens.

If shares are cheaper than they were at the same price 18 months ago, they are also more attractive relative to bonds. Yields on long-dated gilt stock have come down from about 9.8 per cent to about 9.5 per cent. But the maximum earnings yield on shares (distributable earnings per share as a percentage of share price) has risen from less than 8 per cent to 10 per cent. How different the story was at the peak of the share boom!

One feature was the same 18months ago. Base rates stood at 11 per cent then as now. But British short-term interest rates were just beginning a long spring slide down to 8.5 per cent, which helped fuel the spectacular last gasp of the bull market. Unlikely as it may have seemed three months ago, when three-month money could cost as little as 7.5 per cent, base rates could well still be heading up from 11 per cent now.

If that happened, the bears would surely be in charge. But canny long-term investors would take the opportunity to look for good value in shares.

An Irish situation

Shareholders in Irish Distillers Group have every reason to be grateful to Peter Sutherland, the former Irish law officer who is flexing his muscles as the EEC's Competition Commissioner. That is a somewhat unusual result of political interference.

As part of his campaign for European merger pre-vetting powers, Mr Sutherland intervened to stop the consortium of Grand Metropolitan, Allied-Lyons and Guinness bidding for IDG. It was one of the few instances where he could, at present, act before rather than after the event. He could do so because the three drinks companies had formed a cartel.

In practise, the three had come together to share out Irish Distillers' brands. Whatever the distilling arrangements (about which Mr Sutherland was unhappy), the monopoly in the Irish whiskey industry would, therefore, have been broken and competition introduced — undoubtedly to the benefit of the industry's total sales.

The cartel was good for the customer. But it would have been bad for shareholders, since it effectively ruled out the competitive bidding that has so enriched the shareholders of companies, such as Martell, which own international drinks brands.

Shareholders now have a higher bid from GrandMet, thanks to a sensible ruling by the City Takeover Panel. There is also the possibility of competing bids from other parties whose interest has meanwhile been aroused.

GrandMet would, however, be free to keep more of the Irish whiskey market than under the cartel arrangement, though any brand sales will now have to be made to the highest bidder. As it turns out, GrandMet has decided to sell Bushmills, Power's Gold label and Tullamore Dew if it succeeds, keeping only Jameson and Paddy of IDG's whiskey brands. So there would be just as much competition in the whiskey market. But that is no thanks to Mr Sutherland.

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By Robert Peston
Banking Correspondent

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Intl Currency	45.18	47.81	+0.14	8.00
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PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London				
Wall, London EC2M 7DE Tel: 01-588 0808				
Capital	408.7	434.9	+1.6	3.12
European S S	48.45	51.71	-0.29	3.14
Far East S S	50.09	53.58	+0.48	0.64
Gold Gen S S	52.01	55.56	+0.09	0.92
Income	351.6	375.2	+0.1	5.93
Int Sp Sits	49.58	52.91	+0.56	1.94
Irish Amer	251.2	268.7	+0.8	2.51
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-				
588 1815				
Investment	451.2		..	4.70
Fixed Int	143.2		..	9.76
Deposit	100.0		..	5.76
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-				
588 1815				
Income	436.17	●	..	5.07
Acc	£13.7114		..	
Deposit	100.0		..	10.00
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS				
Woodgate House, Tabernacle Street London				
EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 6522				
Man Reserve	22.7	24.10	-0.04	
SC Special Sits	67.13	71.04	..	0.39
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800				
373393				
Amer Gth	19.48	20.81	..	0.41
Asia Gth	22.53	23.90	+0.14	0.89
Dragon Gth	25.61	27.17	-0.22	1.51
Equity Hi Inc	58.67	51.92	+0.26	4.88
Do Acc	59.45	62.74	+0.34	4.88
Eurogrowth Gth	24.85	26.45	+0.11	1.83
Gen Equity	49.31	52.04e	+0.03	2.95
Gilt Interest Gth	32.71	34.34e	-0.04	7.38
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.59	25.77	+0.02	9.01
Int Income Tst	22.79	24.09e	+0.03	5.72
Japan Gth	47.50	50.37	+0.03	0.00
Pacific Gth	29.93	31.57	+0.09	2.25
Special Sits	36.88	39.13	+0.02	2.02
Assurance ▸				
Hme In WP Rg	97.0	102.1	..	..
Hme In WP Sp	97.0	102.1	..	..
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P				
3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-668	8818			
UK & Gen Inc	52.47	55.66	+0.36	2.55
Do Acc	53.70	56.96	+0.41	2.56
Income Inc	45.25	47.98	+0.32	5.79
Do Acc	57.39	61.99	+0.32	3.59
Worldwide Inc	44.82	47.53e	+0.77	0.50
Do Acc	49.45	48.62e	+0.76	0.50
Cautious Inc	47.26	50.12	+0.22	4.88
Do Acc	56.54	59.95	+0.22	4.88
Amer Gth	50.70	53.94	+1.34	0.70
Euro Gth	53.95	57.24	+0.19	0.53
Far East	44.60	47.30	+0.19	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	47.77	50.33	+0.10	8.13
World Bond	47.48	50.34	+0.10	5.50
Private Inv Pt	47.25	50.09	+0.28	3.20
Cautious Inv Pt	50.0	53.2	+0.5	1.16
Progres Inv Pt	50.0	53.2	+0.5	1.16
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel:				
04862 5033				
Amer Tst	101.7	110.0	..	0.75
Commercial Gth	19.97	21.65	..	1.00
European Tst	94.13	100.4	..	1.01
Growth Tst	262.2	279.7e	..	2.73
High Income	317.0	336.1	..	5.08
Int Tech Tst	109.2	121.0	..	0.00
Investment	25.95	28.29	..	0.71
Japanese Tst	239.1	256.8	..	0.00
Man Int	27.45	29.30	..	2.56
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL Tel: 0737-242424				
European Gth	51.04	54.66	+0.23	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	29.23	31.46	+0.15	1.90
International	47.18	48.91	+0.21	5.20
N Amer Gth	41.60	44.48	+0.51	1.70
Pacific Gth	59.50	63.56	+0.75	4.60
UK Gth Acc	69.43	74.35	+0.46	2.90
Do Dist	66.11	71.52	+0.38	2.90
UK Income	59.09	63.20	+0.17	5.80
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tst 03451				
0385/20				
American Fd	58.40	62.05	+0.24	1.61
Capital Fd	135.3	143.8	+0.2	1.39
Convertible	24.43	25.96	+0.06	7.61
Eurofund	23.36	24.79	+0.12	1.21
Growth & Inc	115.1	122.3	+0.6	3.50
High Dist Fd	152.1	161.6	+0.6	4.95
International	208.1	221.1	+1.1	1.02
Pacific Fd	25.53	27.12	-0.24	0.00
Resources Fd	39.53	42.00	-0.09	0.00
Smlr Jap Co	43.86	46.52	+0.18	0.00
Tokyo Fd	201.1	213.3	+0.5	0.00
Eu Amer 2	115.9	119.0	..	1.92
Eu Japan 3	125.1	129.5	..	0.00
Eu Pacific 4	352.8	363.1	-1.8	0.22
Eu Smlr Jap 4	258.6	265.7	+3.7	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestrn GL53				
7LQ Tel: 0242 221311				
UK Balan Inc	83.03	88.10	+0.22	2.76
Do Acc	87.48	92.82	+0.38	2.76
UK Gth Acc	125.1	132.7	+0.6	2.07
UK High Inc	95.1	100.9	+0.5	4.34
N Amer Acc	62.21	66.36e	+1.31	1.05
Far East Acc	119.0	126.9e	+1.7	0.60
European Acc	112.6	119.5e	+0.54	1.29
UK Gt/Fi Inc	55.90	58.77	+0.11	8.85
Do Acc	64.52	68.24	+0.13	7.92
Intl Spec Sits	38.60	41.17	+0.57	1.52
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Admin Centre Hexagon House Reisfield				
RH1 3LB Tel: 0708 69666				
Endurance	118.1	125.5	..	1.86
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel:				
0296	434460			
Balanced Inc	99.95	99.53	+0.73	3.72
Balanced Acc	99.38	105.7	+0.29	4.82
Gt/Fxd Interst	51.17	54.44e	+0.07	7.89
Tst Of Inv Trsts	67.35	92.53e	+0.46	2.15
Spec Sits Tst	103.8	110.5	+0.57	2.71
Nth Amer Tst	56.88	60.52	+1.31	1.47
Far Easts Tst	117.5	125.0e	+2.21	0.32
Intl Gth	56.41	60.02	+0.94	1.89
European Tst	40.10	42.66	+0.52	1.52
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry				
CV1 1ND Tel: 0203 553251				
UK Gth Acc	178.1	189.5	+0.3	3.47
Do Inc	147.8	157.1	+0.2	3.47
Higher Inc Acc	332.6	353.9	..	4.53
Do Inc	251.2	267.3	..	4.53
Gilts & Fxd Acc	111.3	116.9	..	8.83
Do Inc	93.99	97.55	..	8.83
For East Acc	113.8	121.1	-0.4	0.10
N American Acc	113.6	121.1	-0.4	0.10
For East Acc	213.1	226.8	+0.6	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	191.2	203.6	+0.1	0.00
Gen Tst	254.1	270.7	+0.5	2.71
Bnt Exempt	40.36	42.94	+0.11	2.95
Sr Fdmtls Inc	49.86	53.07	+0.06	6.15
Do Acc	49.86	53.07	+0.06	6.15
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
1, London Wall Buildings, London EC2M				
5AG Tel: 01-628 8161 (Dealing) 081A Tlx:				
01-623 4849				
US Smlr Co	62.76	67.13	+0.28	0.64
UK Inc Fd	91.73	98.11	+0.14	4.48
Far East Fd	88.04	95.19	+0.57	0.00
Overseas Inc	61.19	65.44	+0.25	4.57
Fxd Interest	92.57	98.17	+0.51	10.01
National Res Fd	59.52	63.69	+0.56	2.56
European Inc	60.51	64.72e	+0.42	2.26
Financials Fd	46.26	49.48e	+0.23	2.40
Inst Tech Fd	93.97	100.5	+0.14	0.76
UK Gth	68.35	73.10	+0.05	2.51
US Major	45.80	48.98	+0.14	0.69
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
186, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel:				
041-332 2132				
Select Gth Acc	70.01	74.48	+0.30	1.20
Do Inc	68.12	72.47	+0.30	1.20
Hi Yield Acc	30.88	32.84	+0.04	4.69
Do Inc	29.39	30.49	+0.04	4.69
Inc Gth Acc	57.51	61.18	+0.10	3.50
Do Inc	49.28	52.43	+0.09	3.50
Serv Co Acc	72.04	76.64	..	0.70
Do Inc	70.42	74.92	-0.04	0.70
Amer Gth Acc	22.45	23.89e	..	1.20
Do Inc	22.16	23.58e	..	1.20
Euro Gth Acc	18.08	19.24	+0.03	2.00
Do Inc	16.51	17.57	+0.03	2.00
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 5RU				
Tel: 01-393 8000 (Dealing) 01-626 8341				
414191				
American	100.9	106.9	+0.6	1.03
Amer Exmy Inc	27.84	29.62	+0.25	5.69
Amer Spec Sit	51.12	54.11	+0.07	0.33
Australia	27.50	29.23	+0.53	2.21
European	37.21	39.60	+0.56	1.44
Extra Income	97.31	103.5	+0.44	5.09
Global Conv	22.38	23.81	+0.26	5.57
Far East Inc	38.74	41.04	+0.14	2.63
Gt/Fxd Interest	25.22	26.49e	-0.01	10.04
Growth & Inc	114.0	122.5	-0.1	4.78
Japan Spec Sit	71.76	76.30	+0.42	..
Japan	169.7	178.5e	+1.8	..
Managed Int	125.9	134.1	+1.2	0.42
Inc Plus	105.0	112.7	+0.3	5.41
Famous Name	49.60	43.54e	+0.11	2.58
SE Asia	82.05	86.73	+0.18	2.15
Spec Sit	27.03	29.23	+0.2	0.72
Eastern Opps	23.73	25.25	+0.15	0.00
Intl Bond	24.3	25.7	+0.1	7.65
Recovery	27.57	29.37	+0.16	2.39
Moneybuilder	25.70	27.53e	+0.09	2.65
FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall,				
London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 6181				
Amer Smlr Cos	172.6	182.1e	+1.3	..
Do Acc	176.3	186.0e	+1.2	..
Amer Turn Inc	186.3	210.3	+1.3	..
Do Acc	212.1	218.1	+1.5	..
Euro Tst Acc	271.2	293.6	+0.1	2.19
Euro Tst	254.1	270.7	+0.5	2.71
Bnt Exempt	40.36	42.94	+0.11	2.95
Gen Tst	254.1	270.7	+0.5	2.71
Bnt Exempt	40.36	42.94	+0.11	2.95
Sr Fdmtls Inc	49.86	53.07	+0.06	6.15
Do Acc	49.86	53.07	+0.06	6.15
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
1, London Wall Buildings, London Wall,				
London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 8161				
(Dealings 01-623 4849)				
US Smlr Co	62.76	67.13	+0.28	0.64
UK Inc Fd	91.73	98.11	+0.14	4.48
Far East Fd	88.04	95.19	+0.57	0.00
Overseas Inc	61.19	65.44	+0.25	4.57
Fxd Interest	92.57	98.17	+0.51	10.01
National Res Fd	59.52	63.69	+0.56	2.56
European Inc	60.51	64.72e	+0.42	2.26
Financials Fd	46.26	49.48e	+0.23	2.40
Inst Tech Fd	93.97	100.5	+0.14	0.76
UK Gth	68.35	73.10	+0.05	2.51
US Major	45.80	48.98	+0.14	0.69
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
186, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel:				
041-332 2132				
Select Gth Acc	70.01	74.48	+0.30	1.20
Do Inc	68.12	72.47	+0.30	1.20
Hi Yield Acc	30.88	32.84	+0.04	4.69
Do Inc	29.39	30.49	+0.04	4.69
Inc Gth Acc	57.51	61.18	+0.10	3.50
Do Inc	49.28	52.43	+0.09	3.50
Serv Co Acc	72.04	76.64	..	0.70
Do Inc	70.42	74.92	-0.04	0.70
Amer Gth Acc	22.45	23.89e	..	1.20
Do Inc	22.16	23.58e	..	1.20
Euro Gth Acc	18.08	19.24	+0.03	2.00
Do Inc	16.51	17.57	+0.03	2.00
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 5RU				
Tel: 01-393 8000 (Dealing) 01-626 8341				
414191				
American	100.9	106.9	+0.6	1.03
Amer Exmy Inc	27.84	29.62	+0.25	5.69
Amer Spec Sit	51.12	54.11	+0.07	0.33
Australia	27.50	29.23	+0.53	2.21
European	37.21	39.60	+0.56	1.44
Extra Income	97.31	103.5	+0.44	5.09
Global Conv	22.38	23.81	+0.26	5.57
Far East Inc	38.74	41.04	+0.14	2.63
Gt/Fxd Interest	25.22	26.49e	-0.01	10.04
Growth & Inc	114.0	122.5	-0.1	4.78
Japan Spec Sit	71.76	76.30	+0.42	..
Japan	169.7	178.5e	+1.8	..
Managed Int	125.9	134.1	+1.2	0.42
Inc Plus	105.0	112.7	+0.3	5.41
Famous Name	49.60	43.54e	+0.11	2.58
SE Asia	82.05	86.73	+0.18	2.15
Spec Sit	27.03	29.23	+0.2	0.72
Eastern Opps	23.73	25.25	+0.15	0.00
Intl Bond	24.3	25.7	+0.1	7.65
Recovery	27.57	29.37	+0.16	2.39
Moneybuilder	25.70	27.53e	+0.09	2.65
FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall,				
London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 8161				
Amer Smlr Cos	172.6	182.1e	+1.3	..
Do Acc	176.3	186.0e	+1.2	..
Amer Turn Inc	186.3	210.3	+1.3	..
Do Acc	212.1	218.1	+1.5	..
Euro Tst Acc	271.2	293.6	+0.1	2.19
Euro Tst	254.1	270.7	+0.5	2.71
Bnt Exempt	40.36	42.94	+0.11	2.95
Gen Tst	254.1	270.7	+0.5	2.71
Bnt Exempt	40.36	42.94	+0.11	2.95
Sr Fdmtls Inc	49.86	53.07	+0.06	6.15
Do Acc	49.86	53.07	+0.06	6.15

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilts & Fxd Acc	111.3	116.9	..	8.83
Do Inc	93.99	97.55	..	8.83
For East Acc	113.8	121.1	-0.4	0.10
For East Acc	213.1	226.8	+0.6	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	191.2	203.6	+0.1	0.00
Gen Tst	254.1	270.7	+0.5	2.71
Bnt Exempt	40.36	42.94	+0.11	2.95
Sr Fdmtls Inc	49.86	53.07	+0.06	6.15
Do Acc	49.86	53.07	+0.06	6.15
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
1, London Wall Buildings, London Wall,				
London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 8161				
(Dealings 01-623 4849)				
US Smlr Co	62.76	67.13	+0.28	0.64
UK Inc Fd	91.73	98.11	+0.14	4.48
Far East Fd	88.04	95.19	+0.57	0.00
Overseas Inc	61.19	65.44	+0.25	4.57
Fxd Interest	92.57	98.17	+0.51	10.01
National Res Fd	59.52	63.69	+0.56	2.56
European Inc	60.51	64.72e	+0.42	2.26
Financials Fd	46.26	49.48e	+0.23	2.40
Inst Tech Fd	93.97	100.5	+0.14	0.76
UK Gth	68.35	73.10	+0.05	2.51
US Major	45.80	48.98	+0.14	0.69
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
186, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel:				
041-332 2132				
Select Gth Acc	70.01	74.48	+0.30	1.20
Do Inc	68.12	72.47	+0.30	1.20
Hi Yield Acc	30.88	32.84	+0.04	4.69
Do Inc	29.39	30.49	+0.04	4.69
Inc Gth Acc	57.51	61.18	+0.10	3.50
Do Inc	49.28	52.43	+0.09	3.50
Serv Co Acc	72.04	76.64	..	0.70
Do Inc	70.42	74.92	-0.04	0.70
Amer Gth Acc	22.45	23.89e	..	1.20
Do Inc	22.16	23.58e	..	1.20
Euro Gth Acc	18.08	19.24	+0.03	2.00
Do Inc	16.51	17.57	+0.03	2.00
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
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Tel: 01-393 8000 (Dealing) 01-626 8341				
414191				
American	100.9	106.9	+0.6	1.03
Amer Exmy Inc	27.84	29.62	+0.25	5.69
Amer Spec Sit	51.12	54.11	+0.07	0.33
Australia	27.50	29.23	+0.53	2.21
European	37.21	39.60	+0.56	1.44
Extra Income	97.31	103.5	+0.44	5.09
Global Conv	22.38	23.81	+0.26	5.57
Far East Inc	38.74	41.04	+0.14	2.63
Gt/Fxd Interest	25.22	26.49e	-0.01	10.04
Growth & Inc	114.0	122.5	-0.1	4.78
Japan Spec Sit	71.76	76.30	+0.42	..
Japan	169.7	178.5e	+1.8	..
Managed Int	125.9	134.1	+1.2	0.42
Inc Plus	105.0	112.7	+0.3	5.41
Famous Name	49.60	43.54e	+0.11	2.58
SE Asia	82.05	86.73	+0.18

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Firm end to week

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 15. Dealings end September 2. §Contango day September 5. Settlement day September 12. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Ans New Z	Banks,Discount	
2	Jourdan (Thomas)	Industrials E-K	
3	Wembley	Leisure	
4	Laing (J)	Building,Roads	
5	Woolworth (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
6	Monotype	Industrials L-R	
7	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	Banks,Discount	
8	Broken Hill	Industrials A-D	
9	Countryside	Building,Roads	
10	Barclays (aa)	Banks,Discount	
11	Local Lon	Property	
12	Laird	Industrials L-R	
13	Leigh	Chemicals,Plas	
14	RHM (aa)	Foods	
15	Fleicher King	Property	
16	Dale Elec	Electricals	
17	Silentnight	Industrials S-Z	
18	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	Foods	
19	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
20	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
21	Azwoods	Building,Roads	
22	Cookson (aa)	Industrials A-D	
23	Conrad Hldgs	Industrials A-D	
24	Woodside	Oil,Gas	
25	Slough Estates (aa)	Property	
26	Quadrant Group	Leisure	
27	IMI (aa)	Industrials E-K	
28	Dixons Grp (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
29	Siebe (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
30	Jacks (Wm)	Motors,Aircraft	
31	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
32	BAT (aa)	Tobaccos	
33	Trafford Park	Property	
34	Lloyds (aa)	Banks,Discount	
35	Third Mile	Industrials S-Z	
36	Yorklyde	Textiles	
37	Mount Charlotte	Hotels,Caterers	
38	Irish Dstl	Breweries	
39	BAA (aa)	Industrials A-D	
40	Assoc Newspaper	Newspapers,Pub	
41	Park Foods	Foods	
42	Aurora	Industrials A-D	
43	Kentish Prop	Property	
44	Glaxo (aa)	Industrials E-K	

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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in today's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BREWERIES

Capitalisation £	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
3,088.2m	Allied-Lyons (aa)	421	424	+1	17.3	4.1	12.6
2,663.3m	Bass (aa)	785	790	..	26.9	3.4	11.8
151.3m	Belhaven	64	66	+2	3.4	5.2	7.4
150.1m	Bentleigh	152	155	..	5.4	3.5	10.9
25.9m	Buckleys	155	165	+2	4.4	2.7	4.1
89.2m	Bulmer (H P)	167	177	+1	8.7	5.1	11.0
38.2m	Burtonwood Brew	170	178	..	4.2	2.4	18.7
12.8m	Clark (Matthew)	395	415	..	14.7	4.0	10.1
134.6m	Devenish (JA)	340	345	+1	4.0	1.2	29.3
277.7m	Greenall Whitley	218	242	..	8.2	3.5	13.7
196.7m	Greene King	465	473	..	9.9	2.1	20.8
2,513.1m	Guinness (aa)	318	321	..	12.6	3.9	10.5
30.4m	Hardys & Hansons	758	770	..	30.0	3.9	14.5
143.5m	Highland Distl	113	118	..	3.5	3.0	18.1
62.0m	Invergordon Distl	292	308	..	7.9	2.7	17.9*
202.8m	Irish Distl	290	308	+7	..	..	..
133.9m	Marston Thompson	152	155	..	3.9	2.5	15.8
55.0m	Morland	645	680	-10	10.9	1.6	26.2
773.8m	SA Breweries	295	305	..	..	..	..
1,335.8m	Scot & Newc (aa)	365	367	+1½	12.2	3.3	18.0
334.8m	Vaux Group	705	710	..	27.6b	3.1	21.6
1,251.4m	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	300	302	..	14.1	4.7	11.2
94.5m	Do 'B'	320	326	+6b	14.1	4.3	12.0
256.1m	Whitbread Inv	405	407	+11	12.3	3.0	43.1
271.5m	Wolverhampton & D	417	423	..	8.2	2.0	17.9
15.2m	Young 'A'	515	535	..	12.3	2.3	30.7

BUILDING, ROADS

89.8m	Abbey	227	237	-1	19.3	5.0	10.9
267.1m	Amec	385	397	-7	..	..	..
69.4m	Anglo Sec	455	470	-4	34	6.7	27.2
58.8m	Anglo Utd	46	49	..	1.3	2.7	20.9
9,400.000	Arlington	180	190	..	4.7	2.5	10.6
168.2m	Ashwoods	267	288	+5	8.7	3.0	10.3
1,172.2m	BPB Ind (aa)	287	290	+1	11.3	3.9	10.0
58.6m	Baggeridge Brick	288	298	..	9.0	3.1	10.7
4,494.000	Bairstow (Sam) Constr	84	87	..	1.9	..	..
329.2m	Barratt Devs	183	187	+2	12.6	6.8	12.1
59.2m	Bellway	232	235	..	11.0	4.7	11.3
29.2m	Bellworth	91	96	..	2.9	3.1	8.5
229.3m	Berkeley Ho	275	279	+7	4.7	1.7	23.5
17.2m	Bett Bros	110	120	..	4.8	4.2	9.5
46.8m	Brockhoy	305	415	..	8.9	2.1	21.5
1,186.4m	Bovis Constr (aa)	452	460	+4	20.0	4.4	10.5
10.6m	Bryan (Henry)	357	395	..	19.7	5.0	12.5
34.4m	Bredon PLC	235	255	..	8.7	3.6	12.8
24.8m	Bt Dredging	148	168	..	6.9	4.8	31.4
274.5m	Bryant	136	138	+1	4.4	3.2	16.2
384.3m	Bunzl	185	189	+1	..	..	..
6,668.000	Caledonian Rodey	129	132	-1	5.1	4.0	23.0
267.3m	Caradon	337	345	+4	10.7	3.1	12.6
97.6m	Charrin Charles	111	115	-1	7.3	6.2	12.3
59.2m	Chelmer Grp	345	365	..	7.5	2.1	13.3
9,263.000	Cegron PLC	156	163	-2	4.0	2.5	19.7
550.8m	Costain	308	313	-4	13.2	4.2	12.8
106.5m	Countryside	293	298	+1	3.0	1.0	14.5
162.6m	Crest Nicholson	215	219	+1	8.3	3.8	10.6
13.7m	Crosby James	125	127	..	4.1	3.2	11.7
44.4m	Douglas (RM)	290	295	..	5.7b	1.9	23.9
18.9m	Edmond Hldgs	360	380	+10	11	2.9	12.7
36.6m	Eidr	29	32	..	4.1	2.9	23.1
26.9m	Federated Hld	290	296	..	6.9	2.3	16.7
24.1m	Finlan Gp	90	95	..	6.0	6.5	10.7
46.2m	Gaskford	68	78	..	3.8	5.5	15.4
4,524.000	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	255	265	+3	8.6	3.4	14.8
56.5m	Grosvon (Wm)	550	570	..	9.5	1.7	14.4
31.6m	Harrison Ind	260	270	..	9.1	3.4	12.5
166.5m	Hawson-Stuart	120	122	+1	3.7	3.0	12.4
139.5m	Haywood Williams	130	140	..	13.2	9.4	11.5
124.0m	Higgs & Hill	365	370	..	12.3	3.3	11.5
33.4m	How Gp	93	97	..	4.1	4.6	10.9
15.3m	Howard Hldgs	59	62	..	1.7	2.8	10.2
383.1m	Ibstock Johnsen	198	197	+2	5.5	2.8	12.7
19.2m	James (J) & Sons	166	173	..	..	..	..
136.2m	Lang (J)	305	310	+3	9.6	3.1	9.1
78.4m	Lawrence (Walter)	168	170	-1	6.5	3.8	10.6
65.4m	Lilley (F.C.)	54	56	+1	..	..	..
152.5m	Lovell (J)	232	238	..	7.0	3.0	12.5
433.4m	Magnet (aa)	235	238	+2	9.2	3.9	12.5
59.2m	Manders	197	200	..	7.3	3.7	22.5
469.4m	Manley	166	172	..	6.9	4.1	12.1
101.3m	Marshalls (Halifax)	243	247	-1	9.7	4.0	11.8
37.9m	Maunders (J)	112	117	..	2.9	2.5	18.6
149.2m	McAlpine (Alfred)	418	428	-1	21.5	5.1	8.5
217.2m	McCarthy & S	426	436	+3	5.7	1.3	13.0
388.2m	Mowlem (aa)	407	412	+2	12.7	3.1	10.2
12.3m	Miles (Stanley)	160	170	..	3.0	1.8	9.7
318.0m	Mowlem (John)	370	375	+1	23.6	6.3	9.7
148.9m	NSM	94	97	+1	..	..	..
156.8m	Newarthill	16	17	..	10.2	12	41.4
110.5m	Newman Tonks	173	178	+1	10.5	6.0	12.2
129.3m	Persimmon	168	172	+1	4.1	2.4	13.7
15.8m	Phoenix Timber	112	115	..	3.3	2.9	11.3
7,966.000	Pochins	750	780	..	21.8	2.9	8.4
20.2m	Redland	189	193	..	..	..	..
910.3m	RMC Gp (aa)	473	480	+1	15.1	3.2	11.3
112.9m	Rapid Ind	95	97	..	2.7	2.8	10.9
1,120.1m	Redland (aa)	412	415	-1	21.1	5.1	9.6
129.0m	Ruberoid	295	297	+1	10.5	3.5	10.7
1,335.8m	Scot & Newc (aa)	365	367	+1½	12.2	3.3	18.0
334.8m	Vaux Group	705	710	..	27.6b	3.1	21.6
1,251.4m	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	300	302	..	14.1	4.7	11.2
94.5m	Do 'B'	320	326	+6b	14.1	4.3	12.0
256.1m	Whitbread Inv	405	407	+11	12.3	3.0	43.1
271.5m	Wolverhampton & D	417	423	..	8.2	2.0	17.9
15.2m	Young 'A'	515	535	..	12.3	2.3	30.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

326.5m	Allied Colloids	128	129	..	3.1	2.4	14.4
312.7m	Amersham	610	615	+4	13.2	2.2	18.6
67.7m	BTP	146	153	..	8.3	5.5	13.8
5,138.7m	Bayer (M50)	91½	..	..	..	..	..
55.0m	Brigdon	178	181	+3	10.5	5.9	12.9
81.0m	Brent Chems	149	152	..	7.1b	4.7	13.7
40.8m	Canning (W)	227	235	..	12.0	5.3	11.4
323.9m	Coalite	336	338	+3	13.1	3.9	10.8
212.9m	Croda Int	210	215	..	10.6	5.0	12.7
256.6m	Crode	203	204	-1	12.3	6.1	13.4
69.7m	Ellis & Everard	188	191	..	7.5	3.9	12.8
5,335.000	European Colour	28	30	..	..	..	..
77.2m	Fisons	178	182	+2	6.2	3.4	15.0
219.6m	Hickson	263	267	..	14.5	5.5	11.8
34.4m	Hickson (James)	237	242	..	9.7	4.0	10.7
185.3m	Hickson	222	227	..	8.3	3.7	14.6
4,415.7m	Hoechst ORSP	87½	..	..	..	..	..
6,687.6m	Hoechst Fin (aa)	10½	10½	..	57.3	5.6	8.6
573.0m	Laporte (aa)	415	419	+3	16.2	3.9	12.9
59.6m	Leigh	232	235	+1	7.5	3.2	18.3
1,577.3m	Norsk Hydro	76½	76¾	..	..	..	..
76.2m	Pilkington	170	178	..	3.1	1.8	19.0
22.1m	Rearmouth Hldgs	270	290	..	10.0	3.8	20.3
402.4m	Rentokil	206	210	+3	4.5	2.2	18.4
18.2m	Sandiacre Screwgear	130	140	+2	2.7	2.1	15.5
30.4m	Synthomer Pharm	210	220	..	4.5	2.1	16.4
43.2m	Yorkshire Chem	237	242	..	10.7	4.5	10.6
111.2m	Yule Catto	133	138	+1	4.1	3.0	15.7

ELECTRICALS

107.7m	AB Elect	425	435	+1	18.5	4.3	18.0
64.5m	ABB Kent	84	86	+1	..	..	..
15.3m	Admiral Comp	142	147	-3	4.0	2.8	18.1
82.8m	Alba	140	145	+3	6.0	4.2	18.2
52.0m	Alphameric	265	275	●-15	6.7	1.7	12.8
1,266.1m	Amstrad (aa)	222	224	..	1.2	0.5	13.0
61.3m	Apricot Computers	124	128	..	2.7	2.1	13.2
12.5m	Arlen	113	120	●-2	4.0b	3.4	9.4
397.1m	Atlantic Comp	485	500	..	9.6	1.9	14.3
11.5m	Audio Fidelity	140	147	+2	3.0	2.0	9.1
182.5m	Auto Sec	270	274	+4	11.0	4.1	17.0
8,625.000	Bracco Gp	47	52	..	8.7	14	..
45.6m	Bennett & Fountain	35	37	-1	1.0	2.8	18.4
816.2m	BOC (aa)	355	359	+2	17.3	4.8	19.4
155.4m	BSR	90	94	+2	4.1	4.5	11.5
40.7m	Black	198	205	..	6.1	3.0	14.6
55.1m	Borland	108	115	+1	..	..	..
269.4m	Bowthorpe	170	175	+1	4.5b	2.6	13.3
111.7m	Brennus Security	190	195	..	2.1	1.4	15.9
14,317.0m	Bt Telecom (aa)	227	228	●+2	12.1	5.3	10.4
5,460.000	Bulgin (A.F.) 'A'	19	20	..	0.7	1.4	13.3
262.5m	CAP Group	395	399	..	2.9	1.0	22.7
84.8m	CASE	125	130	●+2	10	0.6	68.1
4,002.0m	Cable Wireless (aa)	380	384	●-1	8.9	2.3	16.3
101.1m	Cambridge Elec	268	282	..	11.8	4.4	12.8
54.6m	Cambridge Micro	54	56	..	1.8	3.2	18.0
129.8m	Chloride	236	238	●+1	14	5.9	12.4
194.8m	Clay Elect	156	157	..	7.8	5.0	12.5
49.2m	Clydelate	154	157	..	7.8	5.0	7.5
4,969.000	DDT Group	72	82	..	1.6	2.1	13.7

FINANCE, LAND

49.3m	Abbeyworth	240	245	..	17	07	..
37.2m	Arbon Home	73	78	..	3.3	4.3	14.9
34.2m	Ashdowgate	312	317	+4	10.7	3.4	13.2
255.5m	Ass Newspapers	79	83	+2	5.5	3.1	37.8
23.7m	Authority Inv	256	270	●-5	8.6	3.0	12.0
	Berkeley Govett	185	195	..	..	..	..
785.2m	Bt Commonwealth (aa)	227	230	..	11.0	4.6	10.1
26.5m	Burns-Anderson	108	113	-1	5.0	4.5	17.1
53.2m	Cantelig	29	33	..	2.3	11	44.7
37.8m	Chesterfield	375	395	..	12.9	3.2	52.8
4,542.000	Christie Grp	530	540	+1	11	2.1	21.8
189.0m	Chrysalis Ind	530	540	+1	11.5	2.1	21.8
18.6m	Harvey&Thompson	437	447	-3	15.3	3.4	23.1
23.3m	Hod Fin Inv	95	100	+2	4.8	4.8	15.8
40.2m	Ivory & Sime	127	132	+2	7.7	5.8	15.6
52.8m	LIT	28	30	●	2.2	7.3	13.6
53.3m	Maiden	200	205	+1	8.9	4.4	37.2
107.7m	Nat Home Loans	112	117	..	9.8	7.7	10.5
24.9m	Newmarket	75	77	+2	..	..	..
15.9m	Parkfield Pic	125	135	..	13	9.7	22.3
5,281.000	Saverpipes Pic	135	140	+1	..	..	..
183.4m	Sergeo & Fried	81	83	..	1.4	1.7	27.2
151.2m	Templeton Glorh	123	129	..	4.3	3.4	8.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

7,142.8m	American Express	17½	..	-½	..	..	..
17.9m	Argyle	80	87	..	4.1	4.9	22.0
253.6m	Bailmina Arrow	107	110	..	7.3	6.7	8.1
157.1m	Daily Mail	290	292	●+7	24.7	3.2	8.1
1,201.9m	Electra	200	202	..	6.4	3.2	40.4
35.5m	First Gp	248	253	..	9.3	3.7	26.0
74.3m	GT Management	150	155	..	6.7	4.4	27.7
66.0m	Goode Durrant	230	240	..	9.7	4.0	16.5
44.8m	Henderson Admin	680	710	..	26.0	3.7	8.5
91.1m	ICH	135	139	+3	12.3	9.0	5.5
295.6m	MAI	93	95	-1	5.5	5.9	..
232.3m	MAM	320	330	..	16.8	4.8	8.5
298.3m	M & G	325	335	+1	10.5	3.2	18.1
96.0m	Rutland	42	44	..	2.4	5.7	17.7
85.2m	Smith New Court	178	188	●-1	10.7	5.8	9.0
74.4m	Tyndall Hldgs	134	137	+1	6.9	5.1	13.2

FOODS

1,396.8m	AB Food (aa)	310	315	●+1	11.1	3.5	10.4
1,790.0m	ASDA Group (aa)	154	156	●+1	5.5	3.5	12.3
8,108.000	Alpine Group	40	45	-2	..	..	..
65.2m	Appleyard Hldgs	130	140	●-3	4.1	3.0	24.4
1,668.6m	Argyll (aa)	183	187	●+2	7.1	3.8	14.1
29.1m	Assoc Fisheries	163	168	..	6.7	4.0	16.4
13.4m	Banks (Sidney C)	195	205	●	9.3	4.7	9.3
129.2m	Banks & Dodson	135	140	..	5.4	3.9	11.7
42.8m	Bass (aa)	670	685	●+8	17.3	2.6	11.9
38.4m	Bassett Foods	275	280	..	10.4	3.7	14.4
15.4m	Bailleys	165	170	..	3.2	3.0	15.1
210.5m	Berisford	385	387	..	14.3	3.7	14.3
758.5m	Berisford (S&W) (aa)	385	387	●+5	19.3	5.0	15.5
509.4m	Booker	385	387	↑+2	21.3	5.5	13.9
62.1m	Bonthwick	60	67	..	0.7	1.1	..
165.7m	Brake Bros	207	212	..	7.8	3.7	20.5
2,318.8m	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	383	385	+8	11.0	2.8	21.6
17.3m	Cairn Milling	248	258	..	9.7	3.8	9.0
61.8m	Clifords Dairies	485	495	-2	12.1	2.5	24.3
51.4m	Do 'A'	252	258	..	12.1	5.4	11.2
316.1m	Cobra	97	100	..	..	..	..
744.4m	Dalgety (aa)	335	338	+3	19.2	5.7	13.6
5,811.000	Daniels S	73	78	..	4.5	5.9	15.9
1,140.0m	Dee (aa)	173	175	..	11.3	6.5	11.4
4,102.000	Dornford (J)	150	155	..	..	..	..
196.2m	Ff Fynes	150	175	+2	2.5	..	23.1
378.9m	Fisher (A)	197	210	+2	9.5	2.8	22.1
227.4m	Finch Lovell	282	287	●+1	16.0	5.6	11.5
107.6m	Glenrothes	230	240	..	9.5	3.9	11.7
179.8m	Geest	255	265	..	5.5	2.1	20.9
449.9m	Hazlewood Foods	232	236	●+4	3.5	1.5	17.9
1,176.6m	Hillsdown (aa)	284	287	+2	6.5	2.3	12.8
44.0m	Hunting Gate	230	240	-1	3.4	1.4	10.7
115.7m	Iceland Frozen	363	367	..	6.0	1.7	20.6
5,656.0m	Irish Sugar	368	367	..	9.7	2.7	18.4
5,870.000	Lees (John J)	175	178	..	8.5	2.1	19.2
1,304.000	Linfood (aa)	215	220	●-10	7.7	3.5	11.1
83.0m	Low (Wm)	632	640	..	21.2	3.3	13.8
103.2m	Matthews (Bernard)	80	83	..	2.4	2.9	11.5
7,685.000	Meat Trade Supp	280	285	..	7.7	2.7	19.2
242.0m	Morrison (W)	220	225	..	4.7	1.7	15.6
48.5m	Nichols (W) (Vimto)	255	265	..	10.6	4.2	14.4
35.3m	Normans	60	65	..	2.3	3.5	15.5
629.6m	Nthn Foods (aa)	282	287	●+1	13.3	4.7	11.5
155.7m	Northern Foods	287	289	..	5.9	2.1	16.4
20.0m	Park Foods	190	200	●+3	6.6	3.4	12.1
5,158.000	Pearman	82	87	..	..	..	..
1,423.1m	RHM (aa)	410	413	+9	14.2	3.4	17.1
2,368.1m	Rowntree (aa)	10½	10¾	..	2.0	1.5	27.1
3,268.000	Sainsbury (J) (aa)	217	219	+1	5.9	2.8	15.9
486.5m	Salveson (Chris)	173	176	+1	5.5	3.1	17.0
840.0m	Tate & Lyle (aa)	850	857	+8	37.0	4.3	11.9
2,248.000	Tawcher Rutledge	147	149	●	11.7	7.8	12.5
2,201.0m	Tesco (aa)	147	149	..	3.8	2.5	14.3
83.4m	Thomsons	130	133	..	..	..	..
704.6m	Unigate (aa)	208	210	..	10.9	5.5	12.3
1,206.2m	Utd Biscuits (aa)	288	290	+4	15.1	5.2	12.3
32.5m	Watson & Philip	210	218	..	11.1	5.2	15.6

HOTELS, CATERERS

24.1m	Fennelly Hotels	253	260	●+7	24	9.2	17.2
4,407.8m	Grand Met (aa)	513	515	●-1	17.3	3.4	15.4
1,916.5m	Ladbroke (aa)	450	453	+2	19.0	4.2	15.4
132.8m	Norfolk Cap Gp	290	300	..	9.6	2.6	23.6
142.9m	Mecca Leisure	318	320	●+2	12.7	4.0	15.7
407.2m	Queens Moat	370	380	..	6.6	1.7	12.9
9,303.000	Resort Hotels	16½	20	..	0.6	3.1	12.9
246.4m	Savoy Hotels 'A'	870	910	..	20.6	2.3	25.1
246.4m	Scots	251	253	●-2	7.4	2.9	12.5
1,971.9m	Trusthouse Ft (aa)	251	253	●-2	8.8	3.5	17.5

INDUSTRIALS A-D

27.4m	AAF Inv	155	165	..	6.9	4.3	10.2
172.3m	AAH	270	273	●-1	13.6	5.0	9.6
	ADT (aa)	240	242	..	..	..	..
77.9m	AEA Research	170	175	+1	10.6	6.0	14.1
26.5m	AIM	248	254	●+3	10.8	4.0	11.1
	AMI Health	54	58	..	..	..	..
49.5m	APF	145	150	..	5.8	5.0	12.8
116.5m	ASW	178	180	..	..	..	..
45.5m	Aaronson	110	115	..	7.4	6.3	10.3
110.0m	Abbest	347	350	..	12.8	3.7	15.3
222.1m	Aerospace Eng	88	103	..	3.9	3.8	15.3
55.1m	Alexandra Wheat	165	172	..	4.4	2.6	16.9
30.3m	Alumasc	242	252	..	10.5	4.2	8.8
9,079.000	Amber Ind	228	232	..	14.7	6.3	11.6
22.4m	Anderson	178	183	..	3.3	1.8	24.3
10.6m	Armagh	45½	48	+½	0.8	1.7	14.9
30.9m	Ash & Lacey	730	740	..	41.1	5.6	11.1
12.7m	Ashley	88	93	..	..	..	..
9,981.000	Asp Bt Eng	4	4½	-½	..	..	..
2,426.000	Do 8%	190	210	●	10.7	5.4	..
78.0m	Austin	68	69	+1	3.8	3.8	16.3
78.0m	Avdel	61	62	+2	..	..	..
525.2m	Avis Europe	356	362	..	12.0	3.3	16.0
121.1m	Avon Rubber	273	275	..	14.7	5.3	15.7
10.1m	Ayrshire Metal	190	205	+5	11.3b	5.6	16.3
1,360.0m	BAA (aa)	270	273	+1	9.7	3.6	12.4
364.5m	BBA	177	179	+3	4.3	2.4	11.8
1,629.1m	BET Dist (aa)	230	233	+3	12.3	5.8	11.9
1,293.2m	BIS Gp	385	410	..	13.0	3.5	14.9
90.6m	BOC (aa)	407	408	●+8	17.3	2.6	11.9
8558		63	65	..	2.7	4.2	10.5
74.8m	BSG Group	400	405	..	14.4	3.6	11.7
2,900.000	BSG (aa)	230	233	..	12.9	4.6	10.7
16.1m	Bailey (C.H)	15	17½	..	..	..	..
210.2m	Baird (Wm)	273	278	+2	12.9	4.6	10.7
40.8m	Bairns	240	260	..	9.3	3.7	15.2
11.1m	Bamboy	47	50	-1	0.3	0.6	19.0
299.1m	Barclay Pharm	330	345	..	11.0	3.2	20.5
44.9m	Barnes (H)	177	182	..	7.4	4.3	26.7
3,750.000	Barton Transport	725	750	..	32.0b	4.3	65.8
20.5m	Bayles (Charles)	30	32	..	..	..	..
7,480.000	Bclr Brand	0½	0¾	..	0.7	7.8	1.8
27.3m	Bostom Clark	365	372	..

FAMILY MONEY

Edited by Vivien Goldsmith

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	3.60	3.66	2.93	none/none	7 day	—
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	6.88	7.09	5.67	2,500-25,000	1 mth	01-626 1567
"	8.38	8.38	6.70	2,500-25,000	6 mth	01-626 1567
Lloyds	7.06	7.06	5.65	2,500-50,000	1 mth	01-407 1000
"	8.18	8.18	6.54	2,500-50,000	6 mth	01-407 1000
Midland	7.10	7.10	5.68	10,000-no max	1 mth	01-260 2805
" "	7.53	7.53	6.02	10,000-no max	6 mth	01-260 2805
NatWest	7.63	7.63	6.10	2,000-no max	3 mth	01-726 1000
" "	7.88	7.88	6.30	2,000-no max	6 mth	01-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	7.57	7.95	6.36	2,500-no max	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c¹	6.88	7.05	5.64	2,500-no max	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Chq & Save²	5.40	5.51	4.41	500-no max	none	01 626 6543
Lloyds HICA	6.10	6.27	5.02	1,000-no max	none	01-407 1000
Midland HICA	7.20	7.40	5.92	2,000-no max	none	—
NatWest Special Reserve	4.50	4.58	3.66	500-no max	none	01-726 1000
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	7.21	7.41	5.93	2,500-no max	none	031-556 8555
TSB England & Wales	7.50	7.50	6.00	2,000-no max	none	01-600 6000
Girobank	7.00	7.00	5.60	1,000-no max	none	051 966 2076
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	4.75	4.75	3.80	1 min	—	—
Best buy – largest socs:						
Woolwich	4.75	4.75	3.80	1 min	none	—
Britannia	6.90	6.90	5.52	250 min	—	—
Bristol & West	7.00	7.00	5.60	500 min	—	—
Britannia	7.70	7.70	6.16	10,000 min	—	—
Northern Rock	7.80	7.80	6.24	20,000 min	—	—
Best buy – all socs:						
Bolton	7.90	7.90	6.32	500 min	none	—
The Hendon	8.00	8.16	6.57	500 min	30 day	—
Tynemouth	8.25	8.42	6.78	500 min	60 day	—
The Scottish	8.35	8.52	6.86	500 min	90 day	—
Walthamstow	8.80	8.80	7.04	3,000 min	3 year	—
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Abbey Nat Current	4.25	4.25	3.40	1 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leicester Nationwide	4.25	4.25	3.40	500 min		with larger
Anglia Flex	4.75	4.75	3.80	500 min		balances
Compiled by Chase de Vere Moneyline - call 01 404 5788 for further details						
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c³	5.00	3.75	3.00	1-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c⁴	8.50	6.38	5.10	5-100,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond⁵	9.00	6.75	5.40	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond⁵	9.00	6.75	5.40	100-100,000	3 mth	041-649-4555
34th Issue Cert*†	7.50	7.50	7.50	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.50	7.50	7.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
General Portfolio	8.50	8.50	6.80	1,000 min	1 yr	0992 31971
General Portfolio	8.50	8.50	6.80	1,000 min	2 yrs	0992 31971
Premium Life	8.60	8.60	6.88	10,000 min	3 yrs	0444 458721
American Life	8.75	8.75	7.00	10,000 min	4 yrs	01 680 6000
Regency Life Ass	9.00	9.00	7.20	10,000 min	5 yrs	01 831 7481

		Holiday rates	£ buys
RPI (July 87–88)	+4.8%	Spanish Pesetas:	207.50
Bank Base Rate	11%	French Francs:	10.76
Personal Loan	19.7%	Greek Drachmas:	252.00
Credit Card	16–26.8%	Italian Lire:	2365.00

¹All cheques/deposits must be at least £250 ²£3 quarterly service charge ³£2.5% for balances below £5000, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less ⁴ Additional holdings up to £5,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates † Tax free ⁵Interest taxable paid gross

LARGER LENDERS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Abbey National 0908 691122	11.00	£100,000	90	
	11.00	£60-100,000	95	
Halifax 0422 65777	11.20	to £60,000	75	0.3% off basic for 1st 3yr linked with pension/ endowment.
Leeds Permanent 0532 438181	11.45	any amount	100	to £75k 95% to £250k 90% from 250k+
BANKS				
Girobank 051 966 2114	10.80	£50,000	95	
INSURANCE COMPANY				
Regency Home Loans 01 831 7481	10.95	any amount	95	to £100k; £250k neg

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Investors want Peter Clowes, former head of the collapsed Barlow Clowes group, to be made bankrupt now that he is drawing £1,000 a week in living expenses. **Tony Levene** looks at the implications

Heavy price to pay for a bankrupt life



Three who know what it means: Alan Jarvis, left, William Stern, centre, and George Best

The sum of more than £100 million owed by the former property tycoon William Stern, the fast living of the footballer George Best and the doctor whose expensive tastes drew him into risky business ventures and nearly 1.5 million of debts are the bankruptcy cases that make the headlines.

But every year thousands of people are forced into bankruptcy by their creditors, owing as little as £750. More than a quarter end up in what was once known as Carey Street after run-ins with the Inland Revenue or the VAT authorities. The majority are self-employed people who failed to protect themselves with limited company status, or gave personal guarantees to banks or suppliers.

It is easy to petition for someone's bankruptcy. One or more creditors owed at least £750 between them apply to the High Court or county courts. At one time, the petitioner had to show "an act of bankruptcy" such as "fraudulent preference" — paying off one creditor rather than another — or "keeping house", an ancient term to describe the avoiding of creditors.

With the passing of the 1986 Insolvency Act, there are now just two, simple grounds for a petition. The debtor must appear to be either unable to pay his debts, or have no reasonable prospect of paying them.

Many creditors use a bankruptcy action as a last resort to regain their money after persuasion and the county court has failed. Sometimes it works, but often it fails and bankruptcy ensues.

A bankrupt cannot hold civic office, including that of justice of the peace, local or county councillor and MP.

Political ambitions were finished

Patrick Cheney, a senior Labour Party aide, saw his parliamentary ambitions dissolve earlier this year when he was declared bankrupt. His debts included several thousand pounds that were owed to a dentist.

However, more importantly, undischarged bankrupts cannot be directors of companies, cannot apply for credit of more than £50 without disclosing their status, and have to surrender virtually everything they own other than bare essentials to the trustee in bankruptcy appointed by the creditors. The trustee, whose task is to recover as much money as possible, has access to the bankrupt's bank accounts.

The problem that creditors face is that they rarely see anything for their pains. The first slice of assets realized goes towards the administrative and legal costs of the bankruptcy. Next in line are secured creditors. A home loan is usually secured, as are many bank loans.

Third on the list are preferential creditors — the Inland Revenue, Customs and Excise, local authority rates demands, wages for employees and cash owed for National Insurance stamps. At the bottom of the pile are the unsecured creditors, who rank equally however much they are owed.

"They rarely get anything," says John McQueen, of the Association of Bankrupts, a voluntary organization that offers support to bankrupts and potential bankrupts, putting them in touch with sympathetic solicitors and accountants.

Some bankrupts such as Alan Jarvis, a racing trainer, whose creditors claimed £815,991 earlier this year, have no assets at all. But on average bankrupts owe five times as much as their assets realize.

"Most of that goes to the secured and preferred creditors", says Mr McQueen. "Unsecured creditors realize this. They use bankruptcy as punishment and revenge."

He agrees that there is no easy bridge between the rights of creditors and the avoidance of the indignity of bankruptcy. However, one way out is the voluntary arrangement recommended in the 1982 Court Committee Report on Insolvency. This involves a debtor persuading creditors that he can offer better proposals for the settlement of his affairs.

However, once someone is declared bankrupt, the trustee, who is usually an accountant, has just one duty — to get as much as possible from the bankrupt's property. The trustees' earnings are dependent on how much they can salvage for the creditors.

Bankruptcy does not extend to the bankrupts' spouses unless they were partners in a business. This can create particular legal and personal difficulties if the family home has to be sold to satisfy creditors. All insurance policies have to be surrendered and other investments sold, although pension plans must be left intact.

Pension plans must be left intact

The bankrupt is allowed to earn a living and a trustee may feel that there is a better chance of something for creditors if the bankrupt is allowed certain facilities such as a car and office equipment, rather than being forced on to social security.

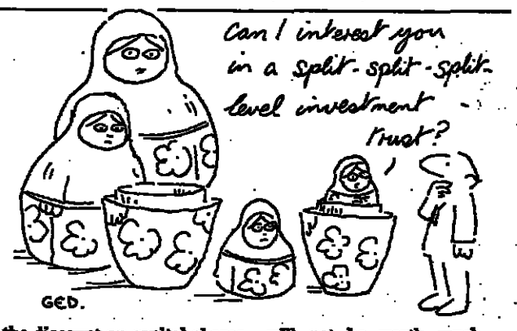
However, in general the trustee would take everything over and above the amount needed to maintain the bankrupt and his family. Just what that amounts to can be open to negotiation — hence the sight of notorious bankrupts living a life of luxury.

Bankruptcy does not usually last for ever. The majority of bankrupts are discharged automatically after two years. In cases of criminal bankruptcy, however, including those brought for drugs dealing and in cases where there are fewer than 15 years between bankruptcies, the bankrupt has to apply to the court for a discharge. This may well be refused.

Discharge wipes the slate clean of all debts incurred at the time of the bankruptcy order but excludes fines, maintenance payments, secured debts and certain obligations under the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986.

Association of Bankrupts, 4 Johnson Close, Abraham Heights, Lancaster LA1 5EU (0524 64305)

Dividing the spoils another way



A real Russian doll of an investment is to be launched next week, *writes Vivien Goldsmith.*

Exeter Dual Investment Trust is a split capital investment trust that invests in other split capital trusts, which in turn invest in equities.

Robin Angus, a County NatWest investment trust analyst, says the trust of trusts will probably find its niche. "But you have to ask whether the benefits from management in areas which are quite mechanical will compensate for the added fees," he says.

The fees on the trust are 0.55 per cent a year.

Split capital trusts divide the shares between income and capital shares so that the former get all or nearly all the income from the whole portfolio and the latter receive all or most of the capital growth.

The Exeter Dual Trust also has zero-coupon preference shares as well as income and ordinary shares. These offer investors a pre-determined capital return — 12.75 per cent a year — when the trust is wound up after 13 years, but receive no income in the meantime.

The portfolio will have a yield of 6 per cent achieved by investing 60 per cent of the fund in income shares and 40 per cent in the capital shares of other split capital trusts.

The shares in Exeter Dual will then be divided with half as income shares yielding 9.2 per cent, 30 per cent zero-coupon preference shares, and 20 per cent ordinary shares yielding 4 per cent.

It was planned to raise £10 million in the trust through a placing, but this may be increased to £15 million.

The trust is being managed by Ian Henderson, of Exeter Fund Managers, which runs a unit trust investing in the income shares of split capital trusts. He believes capital shares are generally undervalued.

Why not invest directly in split capital trusts? "If you have sufficient funds to get a spread and adequate sources of information then go ahead and do it," he says. John Korwin-Szymanowski, of Warburg Securities, the brokers to the issue, says: "It's financial engineering. I challenge anyone to get the returns we will out of split capital trusts."

The essence of the structure is that it is a geared play into a geared market. So, because the discount on capital shares narrows as the life of the trust shortens, the asset base of the trust automatically rises.

However, if the market is static, the zero-coupon preference shares take the first bite of the capital at winding up and the other bits of paper will not be worth much — although the income shares will have enjoyed the income over the life of the trust.

So the ordinary shares are only for those who are bullish about the prospects for the stock market over the next 13 years.

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

AETNA LIFE IfeaINSURANCE
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE
01-837 6494
Life Funds

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Squirrel	11.93	12.46	+0.01	..
Bear	12.29	12.69	-0.03	..
Owl	15.15	15.95	-0.01	..
Bull	13.63	14.36	+0.01	..
Stag	14.17	14.92	+0.02	..
Gilt Edged	11.8	—	—	..
Deposit	10.86		+0.01	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	13.43	14.14	+0.01	..
Bear	14.25	15.00	-0.07	..
Owl	18.51	19.49	-0.01	..
Bull	16.48	17.33	+0.02	..
Stag	16.66	17.54	+0.03	..
Gilt Edged	13.03		-0.04	..
Deposit	11.85		+0.01	..
Exempt App Mixed	181.8	185.5	+0.39	..

ABBEY LIFE
82, Heatherlands Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0202 292373

Property Fund Inc	251.2	264.5	..	..
Do Accum	353.7	382.9	..	..
Equity Fund Income	115.3	121.4	-0.4	..
Do Accum	130.9	137.8	-0.6	..
Select Fund	287.9	303.1	-0.4	..
Money Fund	243.6	256.5	+0.3	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	264.9	299.9	..	..
Equity Ser 4	153.3	161.5	-0.2	..
Man Ser 4	373.3	393.0	-0.1	..
Conv Ser 4	217.8	229.3	+0.3	..
Money Ser 4	217.6	229.1	+0.3	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	211.1	222.0	-0.2	..
American Ser 4	253.9	267.3	+0.5	..
High Inc Ser 4	379.4	399.4	-0.1	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	120.8	127.3	..	..
Japan Ser 4	274.9	289.4	+2.5	..

ALBANY LIFE
3, Darkus Lane, Potters Bar
07/07 42311

Equity Fd Acc	898.7	945.9	-4.3	..
European Fd Accum	191.3	201.3	-0.6	..
Fixed Int Acc	333.0	350.5	+0.1	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	221.5	233.1	+0.1	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	348.9	367.3	-0.2	..
Int Fixd Int Fd Acc	194.1	204.3	+0.4	..
Japan Fund	295.6	311.2	+1.1	..
Nth American Fd Acc	157.8	165.8	+0.2	..
Prop Fd Acc	279.4	293.9	+0.2	..
Multiple Inv Acc	611.0	643.1	-1.7	..

ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE
Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL
0793-28291

Fixed Inv Dep Accum	245.6	259.6	+0.1	..
Equity Accum	747.4	786.8	-2.7	..
Property Accum	433.0	455.8	+1.4	..
Fixe Fixed Accum	179.9	189.4	+0.5	..
Managed Capital	344.2	362.4	+1.0	..
Do Accum	590.6	621.7	+1.9	..
Overseas Accum	481.6	507.0	+0.9	..
Gilt Edged Accum	363.1	319.1	-3.4	..
Amer Equity Accum	361.9	381.0	+1.4	..
Amer Man Accum	172.1	181.2	+0.7	..
Amer Prop Accum	131.1	138.0	+1.2	..

BALTIC ASSURANCE
25-26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD
01-493 9899

Managed Growth	257.8	313.5	-4.97	..
Managed Income	134.9	142.0	-1.84	..
International	175.7	185.0	-3.23	..
High Income	230.5	311.0	-2.74	..
Income & Growth	172.9	182.0	-2.56	..
Basic Resource	113.5	119.5	-2.26	..
American	157.9	166.2	-7.05	..
Japan & General	447.2	470.7	+8.19	..
Special Situations	239.3	251.9	-3.28	..

BARCLAYS LIFE
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB
01-534 5544

Equity Account	559.1	588.6	..	..
Do Inviest	459.1	483.3	..	..
Gtd Edged Accum	231.4	243.6	..	..
Do Inviest	192.9	203.1	..	..
International Accum	266.8	280.9	+112.4	..
Do Inviest	224.2	236.2	..	..
Managed Accum	359.1	378.0	..	..
Do Inviest	296.3	311.9	..	..
Money Accum	192.5	202.7	..	..
Do Inviest	154.6	162.8	..	..
Property Accum	264.0	277.9	..	..
Do Inviest	215.6	226.1	..	..
Americ Accum	157.9	166.2	-3.1	..
Do Inviest	133.5	140.6	..	..
Australia Accum	176.7	186.0	+0.8	..
Do Inviest	149.6	157.4	..	..
Financial Accum	248.1	261.3	-0.5	..
Do Inviest	209.3	220.4	..	..
500 Accum	301.6	317.5	-0.2	..
Do Inviest	255.0	268.5	..	..
Japan Golden Acc 2	413.5	435.3	+10.3	..
Do Inviest 2	338.9	356.8	..	..
Income Accum	313.1	329.5	-0.7	..
Do Inviest	229.2	271.9	..	..
Leisure Accum	201.8	212.5	+0.2	..
Special Sits Accum	157.5	165.8	-0.8	..
Unit Trust Accum	110.2	116.6	+0.1	..
Do Inviest	95.8	101.9	..	..

BLACK HORSE LIFE
Mountbatten House Chatham Kent ME4 4JF
0634 834000

The Managed Fund	443.64		-4.77	..
Income Fund	449.8	484.0	-4.4	..
Extra Income Fund	413.2	439.0	-11.66	..
Worldwide Growth Fd	305.6	321.7	-10.88	..
Balanced Fund	356.3	375.0	-7.02	..
Smlr Co's & Re Fd	344.3	514.0	-7.73	..
Int Technology Fund	304.7	320.8	-9.36	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	219.7	231.6	-12.82	..
Energy Int Fund	120.9	126.4	-4.65	..
Pacific Basin Fund	77.3	81.4	-4.67	..
German Growth Fd	98.80	103.7	-1.28	..
Japan Growth Fd	183.1	192.8	-4.61	..
The UK Gth Fd	125.3	132.0	-2.77	..
Cons Euro Gth	86.17	89.06	-1.63	..
Property Fund	234.3	246.6	+8.17	..
Fixed Interest Fund	209.9	220.9	+0.85	..
Cash Fund	129.7	136.7	+0.24	..
Managed Inv Fund	269.4	295.2	-5.14	..
Nth Amer Recov	115.2	121.3	-2.12	..

CANADA LIFE
2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts
P Bar 51122

Equity Growth	165.1			
Managed	186.6	208.1	..	..
Property	152.4	160.5	..	..
Gtt & Fixed Int	151.5	159.5	+0.3	..
Index-Linked	123.7	130.3	-1.2	..
Equity	219.0	230.6	-0.3	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Cash	150.6	158.6	+0.2	..
Midland Bk UT	213.7	225.0	-0.1	..
Midland Bk Int	215.5	226.9	+0.7	..

CANNON ASSURANCE
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

Equity Units	£78.85		+0.26	..
Property Units	£27.27			..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£38.49	40.73	+0.05	..
2nd Equity Accum	389.3	412.0	+1.3	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	371.5	393.1	+1.5	..
2nd Property Accum	263.1	278.4	..	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	122.9	130.1	+0.2	..
2nd Managed Acc	274.2	290.2	+0.5	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	118.7	125.6	+0.2	..
2nd Deposit Accum	191.5	202.6	+0.2	..
2nd Gilt Accum	197.9	209.4	+0.1	..
2nd Amer Accum	215.6	228.1	-1.7	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	194.5	205.8	+1.2	..
2nd Index Accum	116.4	123.2	-0.1	..
2nd Far East Accum	240.6	254.6	+0.4	..
2nd Global Accum	84.4	89.3	+0.6	..
2nd Euro Accum	81.1	85.8	+0.5	..
2nd Japan Accum	152.5	161.4	+0.4	..
2nd Heritage Acc	97.7	103.4	..	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	92.9	98.3	+0.4	..
2nd Strat Opp Acc	—	—	—	..

CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE
Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd, Cnt Milton Keynes MK9 2LA
0908-261101

Property Fund .	150.7	189.2	..	..
Money Fund	251.9	265.2	+0.2	..
Managed Fund	459.8	484.0	+0.3	..
Equity Fund	348.3	366.7	+11.4	..
Fixed Interest Fund	161.0	169.5	-0.2	..
Far East Fund	242.2	255.0	-0.3	..
Nth Amer Fund	120.3	126.7	-2.5	..
Nat Resources Fund	182.8	263.0	+1.9	..
Alexandra Fund	121.5	127.9	..	..

CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL
Hermitage Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0272 290566
Assurance Funds

Mixed	159.1	167.5	+0.7	..
Equity	193.6	203.8	+0.2	..
Property	185.4	174.2	-0.2	..
Gtt & Fixed Int	127.3	134.1	+0.5	..
Indexed Secs	102.6	108.0	+0.8	..
Cash	122.1	128.6	+0.2	..
Nth American	131.1	106.5	+0.2	..
Far East	152.9	161.0	+1.6	..
International	119.6	125.9	+1.0	..
Special Sits	170.4	179.4	+0.1	..
Intl Income	156.9	175.4	+0.8	..
American Inc	105.4	111.0	+1.7	..
European	144.3	151.9	+0.4	..
Japanese	117.4	123.6	+1.5	..
Fixed Int	137.1	144.4	+0.3	..
Home Inv WP Reg	97.0	102.1	+0.1	..
Home Inv WP Spec	97.0	102.1	+0.1	..
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Mixed	156.8	165.1	-0.3	..
Equity	175.4	184.7	-2.0	..
Property	151.5	159.5	+1.7	..
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Index Linked	108.3	114.0	-0.5	..
Cash	136.6	143.8	+0.3	..
Nth American	169.8	115.7	+1.5	..
Far East Acc	204.4	213.2	+3.1	..
International Acc	139.3	146.7	+1.2	..
Special Sits	248.8	261.9	+1.0	..
European Flex	177.1	186.5	+1.0	..

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CML U Ass:Key	175.43			..
CML U Ass:Pacific	221.82			..
CML U Ass:Cash	137.6	144.8		..
CML U Ass:Equity	336.2	353.9		..
CML U Ass:Pr	210.9	222.0		..
CML U Ass:Mngd	254.2	267.6		..
CML U Ass:Prop	234.8	362.2		..
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CMLUPenFixed Inv	274.6	289.6		..
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Var Ann Accum (5)	328.44			..
Var Ann (5)	64.21			..
Prime- Managed	251.8	265.1	-0.1	..
Prime- UK Equity	306.7	319.7		..
Prime- Int Equity	165.9	192.7	+0.2	..
Prime- Property	158.3	166.7	+1.0	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	157.3	165.6	-0.5	..
Prime- Indexed-Linked	107.2	112.9		..
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Equity Fund	987.5	1039.1	..	..
PIP Fund	£30 662			..

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Life Managed Acc	342.5	360.5	-1.4	..
Life Fixed Inv Accum	245.5	254.8	-0.4	..
Life Equity Accum	422.3	444.5	-2.3	..
Life Money Accum	195.8	206.1	+0.2	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	434.8	457.6	-1.6	..
Life Int Accum	424.5	446.8	-1.1	..
Life Inv Inc Accum	458.5	482.6	-1.1	..
Life Property Accum	207.8	218.7	+0.1	..
Crown Bnt Inv A	643.6	677.1		..
Crown Equity	699.0	735.7	-4.6	..
DBS Managed	211.9	223.0	-1.1	..
Growth Account	254.5	278.4		..

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07372 42424

Measured perf	95.4	100.9	-0.5	..
Performance Plus	90.8	96.1	-0.7	..
With Profit Perf	107.7	114.0	+0.1	..
UK Opportunity	123.6	130.8	-1.2	..
Euro Opportunity	88.2	90.2	-1.9	..
North Amer Opp	92.7	97.5	-1.5	..
Far East Opp	101.0	106.9	-0.4	..
Gth Prop Series 1	168.7	177.6		..
Gth Prop Series 2	132.7	137.2	+0.1	..
Fixed Int	106.9	112.6	+0.1	..
Cash	105.1	111.2	+0.1	..

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Managed Pens	339.9	344.6	-1.08	..
Overseas	83.6	88.7	-0.9	..

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0242 221311

Secure Fund	114.8	120.7	+0.2	..
Blue Chip Fund	145.2	153.9	-0.3	..
Adventurous Fund	154.4	162.6	+0.5	..
Performance Fund	158.6	167.0	+0.1	..

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Eagle/Midland Unas	181.6	188.2	-0.2	4.35

EQUITY & LAW
Amersham Road, High Wycombe
0494 33377

UK Equities Fund	507.4	534.1	-1.3	..
Higher Income Fund	532.6	560.6	-1.7	..
Property Fund	351.9	369.4	-0.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	284.8	278.7	-0.9	..
Index-Linked Sec Fd	110.7	116.5	+0.1	..
Gtd Deposit Fund	183.8	204.0	+0.2	..
Nth America Fund	207.7	218.6	+2.3	..
Far East Fund	352.1	370.5	+3.4	..
Europe Fund	188.9	198.8	+0.6	..
International Fund	284.4	299.3	+0.6	..
Mixed Fund	387.9	408.3	+0.6	..

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Managed (Mixed)	176.5	185.8	-0.2	..
UK Equity	216.5	227.9	-1.1	..
Stewardship	224.2	236.0	+0.8	..
Overseas Equity	166.8	175.4	+1.1	..
North American	83.6	88.0	+0.2	..
Pacific Basin	98.1	103.3	+0.8	..
European	86.1	90.7	-0.2	..
Property	172.2	181.3	+0.1	..
Fixed Interest	141.8	149.4	+0.1	..
Index Linked	104.8	110.4	+0.1	..
Cash	129.9	136.8	+0.1	..

GT MANAGEMENT
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01-628 6131

GT Plan Bond Fund	179.8	189.3	+0.6	..
GT Plan High Yield	230.9	243.1	+0.7	..
GT Plan Far East	221.1	232.8	+2.2	..
GT Plan North Amer	155.2	163.5	+0.6	..
GT Plan UK & GE	313.3	329.8	+1.1	..
GT Plan Worldwide	250.9	264.2	+0.6	..

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0904 53982

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UK Equity	182.8	195.3	-1.6	..
Fixed Int	123.5	130.9	-0.4	..
Index-Linked	102.8	108.1		..
Cash Deposit	116.5	122.5	+0.1	..
Property	122.9	129.8	+0.1	..
International	105.0	110.4	+0.4	..
American	80.0	84.1	+0.4	..
Japan	144.5	152.0	+1.5	..
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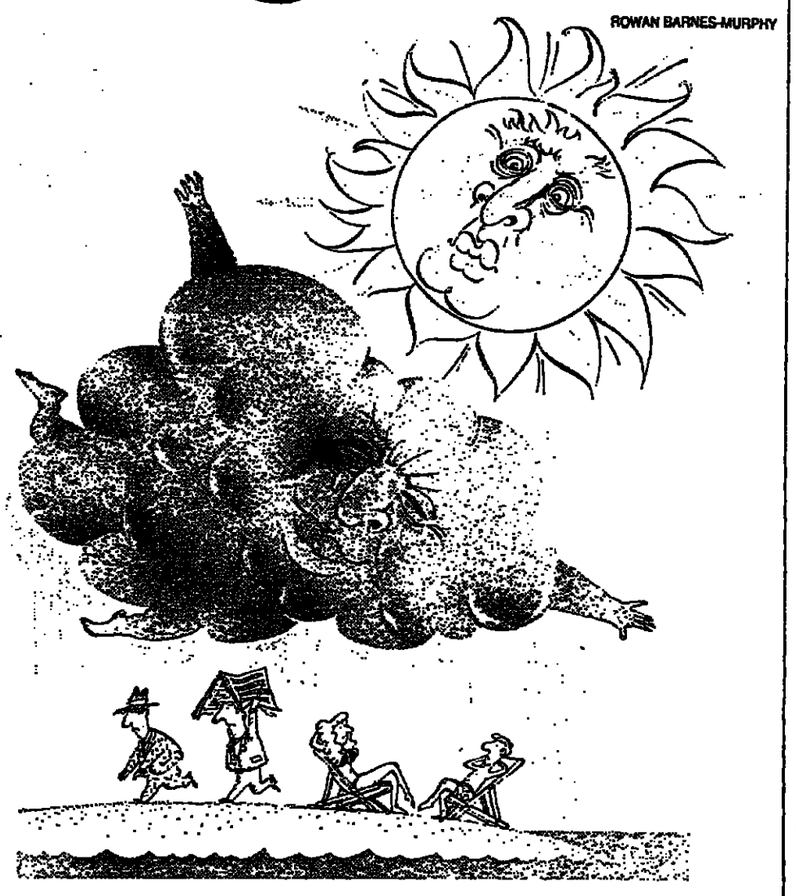
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0992 31971

Portfolio Fd Acc	482.2		-0.4	..
Do Init	397.7		-0.4	..
Do Inv &	483.7	507.6	-0.4	..
UK Equity	267.4	281.5	-0.2	..
Overs Equity	144.2	151.9	-0.7	..
Smaller Cos	174.4	183.7		..
Gilt Plus	131.6	138.6	-0.4	..
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How this new Act is casting a cloud

ROWAN BARNES-MURPHY



Investment companies have been forced by the Financial Services Act to stop helping brokers to solve their clients' tax or investment problems.

Sun Life Trust Managers, for instance, used to have a whole department dedicated to giving brokers free advice on the investment scene. It used to advise on the areas in which to invest at the outset and give half-yearly written reports and recommendations for switching. But all this has had to stop.

Lautro, the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation, says it amounts to a benefit to the broker that might bias his advice.

So Lautro bans companies from giving marketing support other than items that appear on a list. Rule 4.5 says that seminars, literature, software for quotations, or direct quotations, reasonable entertainment and gifts up to the value of £25 are permitted. Anything that does not appear on the list such as help with sorting out the Inheritance Tax problems of a client or insight into world markets is forbidden.

David Miller, Lautro's deputy chief executive, says: "It is the broker's responsibility to do the analysis and advise his clients. That is his function. That is what he is paid for."

So Sun Life can run only the broker advisory service if the broker is willing to pay for the service. But unless brokers start charging their customers fees, it is unlikely that this will prove a popular option.

Instead, Sun Life will be launching a discretionary unit trust management service next month for which clients will have to pay. This will cost 1 per cent with a minimum fee of £150 a year. So it will not be a reasonable option for those investing less than £15,000. The fees are negotiable for those investing large sums.

The holdings will be in a nominee account and there will be quarterly reports and capital and income statements at the end of the tax year.

Jennifer Heaven, manager of the service, says it is not the service that used to be available to brokers, but a more streamlined one aimed at private clients.

It is possible that funds outside Sun Life could be used – for instance, if Miss Heaven wanted to put clients into gold, as Sun Life does not have a gold unit trust. "But we cannot pretend that we are independent," she says.

The initial charge at Sun Life is being raised to 5.75 per cent but clients in the discretionary management service will get a discount of at least 3 per cent.

Investors may well be worse off

However, all the clients who previously had the benefit of investment advice from Sun Life will have to pay for it and brokers who perhaps do only a small amount of investment work and feel the need to call on greater expertise will no longer be able to do so. It is difficult to see how investors will be better off.

Equity & Law also used to run a unit for helping brokers, mainly on complex tax problems. The chief actuary Duncan Kerr said: "We have stopped that activity – rather reluctantly because the ruling was that it would be providing a benefit to brokers."

The unit now provides general advice but will not deal with the specific problems of individuals. "This rule has withdrawn from the market a pool of expertise which was available," said Mr Kerr.

Equity & Law has left Camifa, the Campaign for Independent Financial Advice, and is beginning to recruit tied salesman. The in-house lawyers will be able to give help to tied salesmen but not independent brokers.

But at Prudential Holborn, the Pru's unit trust arm, the chief executive Alan Wren takes a more pragmatic attitude. "My feet are firmly planted on the ground and I take a commonsense approach," he says. "We would not refuse to help brokers. I can't think that is what the rules meant to happen."

Prudential Holborn does not have a team dedicated to helping brokers, but its technical experts are on hand to help out, particularly on pensions, where the technicalities can be extremely complex.

Answers will be in general terms

So if a broker presents a particular problem on a particular client, the Pru experts will look at it and give their answers in general terms – but clearly aimed at solving the individual's problems.

Vivien Goldsmith

As demand slackens, banks, building societies and the Government are offering incentives

The big lenders who are asking you to borrow

Mortgage lenders are now throwing money at people to encourage them to borrow.

The National Westminster Bank announced this week that it will give £200 to anyone who takes up a mortgage applied for from next Monday until September 22. Completion must take place before March 31, 1989.

The Abbey National Building Society has introduced a similar scheme to pull in remortgage business for people with mortgages of £60,000 or more. The remortgages must be completed by September 30. Borrowers are offered reimbursement of costs connected with the remortgage up to £250 plus a free valuation.

The Abbey National already charges 0.5 percentage points less on mortgages of £60,000 and remortgage customers will get the same lower rate of 11 per cent compared with the society's standard rate of 11.5 per cent.

Announcements of the schemes coincide with figures from the Building Societies Association indicating that mortgage demand is slackening. Although gross mortgage advances rose to £5.4 billion in July, reflecting the rush by single buyers to beat the August 1 restriction on tax relief, commitments to lend fell from £5.7 billion in June to £5.4 billion in July.

The association notes that the impending limit on tax relief undoubtedly dragged forward many purchases but it says: "The commitments figure for July may have been influenced by the recent significant increase in mortgage lending rates.

"It is likely that this will contribute to a more moderate rate of lending during the second half of the year."

Increasing pressure in the market will continue to prompt special deals from the lenders. Although the money-back offers from the Abbey National and NatWest probably are the most aggressive marketing ploys adopted so far, there are many other discounts and special schemes available.

Lloyds Bank has just closed its offer of a fixed-rate mortgage at 10.9 per cent. But new endowment and pension mortgages qualify for a 0.5 percentage point discount on the bank's standard rate of 11.5 per cent until February 28 next year.

The pension or endowment policy must come from Lloyds' insurance arm Black Horse Life. People taking up this offer can also enter a competition in which the bank is giving away £130,000 towards new homes.

The Skipton Building Society has started what it calls a cost-cutting mortgage. Borrowers are guaranteed a 0.5 percentage point cut on the society's standard rate for the first 12 months of the loan. The present rate on the new scheme is 10.9 per cent. The minimum advance is £25,000 and advances can go up to 95 per cent of valuation.

Many lenders now offer special rates on larger loans, turning the old practice of charging more for larger loans on its head. With the average national house price now at around £60,000 the Skipton will be offering the special rate to most of its borrowers.

Most of the larger loan discounts start on mortgages of £50,000 or £60,000.

Maria Scott

Bait for young house owners

The Homeloan Scheme provides a tax-free bonus of up to £110 and an interest-free loan of £600 for up to five years to help first-timers to climb on to the property ladder, *writes Conal Gregory*. Both sums are government handouts.

To qualify you must save for at least two years, telling the savings institution when you start that you are joining the scheme. Earlier savings cannot qualify. Building societies, banks, friendly societies, National Girobank, National Savings and Ulster Savings are participating.

One full year before you want the cash bonus, you must have amassed at least £300. A sum of £500 means a £60 bonus, while £1,000 or more gives a cash sum of £110. The bonus is tax-free and on top of the interest on your savings. It is paid by the institution providing the mortgage.

A minimum of £600 must have been saved before you apply for the benefit. The interest-free loan for up to five years is usually added to the normal loan. For example, if you are buying a home for £23,000 and are offered a mortgage of £20,000, the extra £600 loan means you need to find only £2,400.

If the home is sold or if the loan is redeemed within five years, the £600 tax-free loan must be returned to the lender.

The scheme is intended specifically for first-time purchasers. Neither husband nor wife should have owned a home in the UK. The buyer must have the intention of occupying the home as the only or main residence within a year of purchase.

Assistance is available only to those buying houses, flats, maisonettes and bungalows. The scheme does not extend to mobile homes or houseboats.

One of the key qualifications is that you are buying a home which costs no more than the "price limit" for the region. The limits are intended to allow about two-thirds of first-time buyers to qualify. The regional range is reviewed after consultation with building societies and the new limits were set on March 18.

In the past two years more than 6,000 first-time buyers have benefited from the scheme in England and Wales. Promotional material is available through banks and building societies.

Additional information can be obtained from the Department of the Environment, Room N11/14, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB; in Wales from the Welsh Office, Housing Division, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF1 3NQ; in Scotland from the Scottish Development Department, Room 420, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh EH1 3DD; and in Ulster from the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland, Room 426, Parliament Buildings, Stormont, Belfast BT4 3SS

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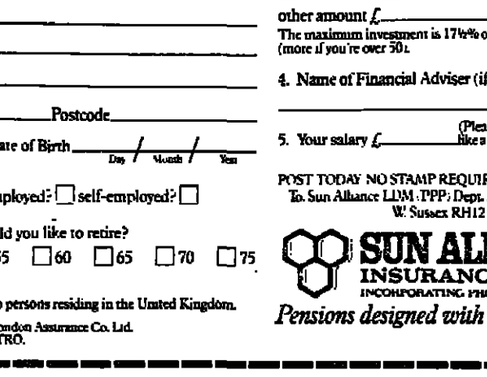
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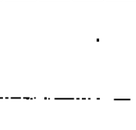
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Baring all to your broker

Stockbrokers were not the original group to be accused of doing good to other people who could be identified by their hunted look. But that is how at least some of their clients now regard them, in the wake of the new rules laid down by the Financial Services Act.

Celia Haynes, who lives in the West Country, feels the questionnaire her broker has sent her treats her like a police suspect.

"I've had a perfectly satisfactory relationship with Albert E. Sharp in Birmingham, who have handled a small amount of family money over the years," she says. "Recently out of the blue, I received a full questionnaire. It didn't just cover investment objectives or whether I wanted to concentrate on capital or income.

"The firm also demanded to know about my other savings and insurance policies, my job, nationality and date of birth. What is more, it asked for the name of my bank and solicitors, and implied the

'It all smacked of Gestapo methods'

firm would not act for me unless I gave all the details.

"It smacked of a Gestapo interrogation, as I told them."

Albert E. Sharp may be a stockbroking group, but it also runs a financial services division. Both sides of the group are bound by the Financial Services Act's insistence that they must know their clients' circumstances and give best advice – hence the letters.

The group belongs to two of the self-regulating organizations that supervise the detailed working of the Act.

Wearing its stockbroking hat, Albert E. Sharp is a member of the Securities Association (TSA) but it also belongs to the Financial Intermediaries and Brokers Regulatory Organisation (Fimbra), which covers financial advisers.

TSA lays down that its members must set out exactly what they do, so that if they are market-makers you will be aware of any potential conflicts of interest, and it insists that brokers should also ask their clients for their investment objectives and whether there are countries or investment areas they want to avoid. South Africa and the arms trade are the obvious pair.

Fimbra has a more relaxed approach. Members must know their clients' circumstances and follow the best advice rule but Fimbra leaves its members to work out what they should and should not ask to get there.

"We've got to have proper detail if we are to take an overall view of some clients' needs," says Ian Sollen, of Barclayshare.

"Say someone suggests that he puts £5,000 into some small high-risk, high-tech company. That may be fine, if he has some very broad holdings elsewhere. But the case is very different if he's only got building society money and has two sets of school fees to pay."



Celia Haynes: "They asked for information about my savings, nationality, bank, solicitors"

'Almost every broker has a nightmare'

That sounds fair enough, but inevitably some brokers have gone for a belt-and-braces approach, as much to protect themselves as anyone else. After all, they are dealing with totally new and untried legislation.

"Almost every broker has the same nightmare at the back of his mind," claims Malcolm Murray, of Albert E. Sharp.

"It is the disgruntled client who returns long after making the original investment, perhaps when all the original staff who knew of him and his circumstances have gone. We need not just to give best advice, but to show that we gave best advice for his circumstances in retrospect.

"Inevitably that means making an assessment of his needs in detail."

Miss Haynes certainly is not alone in objecting to the detail. Many stockbrokers have had complaints about the forms they have sent out, and demands that relationships should continue as before, without all the extra formalities.

Fred Carr, marketing director of Capel Cure Myers Investment Management, one of the biggest City groups dealing with private clients, worked out a neat ploy to encourage people to fill in their forms.

"We did our best to soften people up by telling them the questionnaires were coming, and that they had to return them signed if we were to act for them," he says.

"But we also offered a draw. Everyone who completed and returned them within a month of their going out had their names put into a draw. We drew three names from the electronic hat, providing the winner with £1,000 in travel vouchers, with a couple of other prizes. But still quite a number of the forms have not come back.

The formal agreement sent out by Scrimgeour Vickers

SIB is tightening up on the wording

contains about 90 clauses in small print, though Barclayshare has managed to fit its conditions on to two sides of paper.

Despite the length and apparent depth of the contents of client agreement letters it has now become apparent that some of them are doing the opposite job to the one intended for them.

The Securities and Investments Board (SIB) announced yesterday that it is planning to tighten up on the wording investment companies can use in client agreement letters.

Some companies have caused concern to the SIB by incorporating clauses in their agreement letters that attempt to restrict their liability through breaches of the SIB rule book.

It is understood that the main offenders have been stockbrokers. The SIB wants to ban such clauses from October 3. And from that date any such clauses in existing letters will not be valid.

Tom Tickell

Another property case for lawyers

Glasgow solicitors Neill Clerk are following their launch of Britain's first residential Business Expansion Scheme company, Norcity Homes, with a similar BES issue, *writes Maria Scott.*

Glasgow Merchant City Homes (GMCH) aims to raise £2 million. The subscription list opens on Monday and closes on September 22. The shares are £1 and the minimum investment is £1,000.

GMCH will invest in rented properties, aiming at business people on short- or medium-term contracts, young couples saving to buy, elderly people who have moved from larger homes, and people who simply prefer to rent rather than buy.

Ross Macdonald, Neill Clerk's senior corporate finance partner, says the properties will be in a more expensive part of Glasgow. GMCH has conditionally earmarked its first properties in Merchant City, an area that is being "gentrified".

Mr Macdonald believes Glasgow is ideal for BES residential property schemes as prices are still relatively low. Initial yields of 12-15 per cent a year can be obtained on good Glasgow properties.

The two companies are expected to be the first of a wave of such businesses launched in the wake of this year's Budget, which limited the amount that can be raised through the BES to £500,000, except for companies investing in rented residential property and ship-chartering. The limit here is put at £5 million, partly to encourage an increase in the amount of private property available for rent.

Legislation to implement assured tenancies, which overturns many of the restrictions of the Rent Acts and relaxes rules on security of tenure, will not be in place until January, so GMCH will not put in its first tenants before then.

England's first assured tenancy property BES company will be launched next Tuesday. First Cambridge's investment will be in East Anglia, where house prices have risen by as much as 50 per cent in a year. It will aim to fill demand for rented accommodation from employees in the area's high-tech businesses.

First Cambridge will attempt to raise the maximum £5 million. It is being sponsored by veteran BES sponsor Chancery Securities, recently renamed Chancery.

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FAMILY MONEY

BRIEFING

All-season ski cover

■ Insurance broker Douglas Cox Tyrie is launching what it claims is the first ski insurance package to offer cover for the whole season. It stipulates only that no one trip should last for more than 28 days. The premium is £55 for the "ordinary" package giving £50,000 medical cover, or £60 for the "super" package providing £250,000 medical cover.

There is a 40 per cent discount for those who ski only in Scotland and 30 per cent for cross-country skiing. The policy is underwritten through Lloyd's.

Cutting errors

■ The Inland Revenue is insisting that the tax assessments of the self-employed should be more accurate. The system for calculating tax for the self-employed is being computerized following a successful pilot scheme in Wales and the eastern counties. One big advantage, according to the Revenue, is that there is less chance of arithmetical error. Information on the tax demands will also be clearer and, because all files will be held on computer, it will take less time to answer telephone queries.

Changing up

■ NEL Britannia has joined the many companies in permanent health insurance that reserve the right to raise premiums during the life of the policy. With NEL's new policy rates rise every five years. Premium levels are geared to age, and every time a review is due the policyholder is charged the premium now applicable to that age. NEL Britannia is sugaring the pill by offering a 20 per cent discount when the review comes up, to persuade policyholders to stick with the scheme. Up to 75 per cent of annual income can be covered, with an option to have this uprated every five years to reflect inflation.

Gas on tape

■ British Gas has produced a 13-minute tape-recorded message giving the main features of the 1988 annual report. The cassette is aimed at visually handicapped shareholders but is available to anyone who prefers to absorb the information this way. It can be obtained free from the British Gas shareholders' inquiry office on 01-834 2000).

Holiday cash

■ Alliance & Leicester Building Society customers can now get Maltese pounds, Austrian schillings and 13 other foreign currencies, and travellers' cheques in 12 currencies. There is the usual 1 per cent commission charge on the Thomas Cook travellers' cheques and a £1 handling charge for £100 worth of currency or £500 worth of travellers' cheques plus currency, or £2 for sums of more than £500.

Book to trust

■ *How to Make It*, the annual guide to investment trusts published by the Association of Investment Trust Companies, provides explanatory chapters on what investment trusts are and how they work. There is also a mass of useful information on individual investment trusts such as their investment policy, track record and who manages them. The book, published by Woodhead-Faulkner, costs £5.95.

Portfolio PLUS NEW *Accumulator*

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 27).

Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+4	+4	+6	+4	+2		
2	+7	+5	+7	+7	+3		
3	+5	+4	+5	+6	+7		
4	+4	+2	+6	+2	+4		
5	+4	+3	+5	+5	+3		
6	+5	+2	+5	+3	+3		
7	+7	+5	+7	+7	+3		
8	+4	+2	+4	+6	+6		
9	+6	+5	+8	+6	+4		
10	+2	+3	+4	+4	+3		
11	+3	+2	+5	+5	+6		
12	+3	+4	+4	+3	+1		
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39	+4	+5	+4	+5	+1		
40	+3	+2	+5	+2	+3		
41	+2	+5	+4	+5	+1		
42	+8	+7	+4	+7	+4		
43	+3	+3	+5	+2	+3		
44	+3	+2	+3	+5	+5		

Best buys for income in a mean-looking market



Anyone who is looking to invest for income may be feeling peeved about the rates of return being offered despite the seven increases in base rates since June.

Building society rates are edging upwards, though they are not as generous as they might have been if the societies had not been flush with cash. The same is true of National Savings, where the pressure is off to finance government borrowing.

"Income is a problem," says Stephen Lansdown, investment director of Hargreaves Lansdown Asset Management. "Interest rates have not gone back to the levels we saw four or five years ago.

"People who are coming out of guaranteed income bonds which were taken out then are disappointed that they cannot replace them with something paying a similar rate. We are certainly not back to the days of 14 per cent net on guaranteed income bonds that we saw in the early 1980s."

National Savings Income Bonds are among the most popular sources of regular income for non-taxpayers, who can tie their capital up for at least a year. The interest rate is 9 per cent gross at the moment, and to the dismay of many loyal income bond investors it has not shifted since May 1 this year.

Paul Boni, a director of intermediary Berry Birch & Noble, says the rate on National Savings income bonds should really be more than 10 per cent now.

The 9 per cent gross paid by them compares with 9 per cent net of basic-rate tax, guaranteed for five years by the new guaranteed income bond launched by Regency Life last week. The minimum investment is £1,000. The rate is slightly reduced if you decide to have your income paid out twice yearly rather than once.

Guaranteed income bonds are a gamble

Although this looks like a good deal, guaranteed income bonds always involve a gamble. Interest rates generally could go even higher, making the 9 per cent look like a mean payout.

So the disadvantage is inflexibility. Mr Lansdown's recommendation is the investment adviser's favourite: "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." If you are looking for security and like the look of the rate it is probably best to hedge your bets and commit a portion of money to such a bond, but not all of it.

Those wanting more flexibility and maximum security can go no further than a building society. The *Building Society Choice* magazine reports that the top rate now available on monthly income accounts is 8.5 per cent net on the Birmingham Midshires Quantum Sixty account, which has a two-month notice period and a £25,000 minimum investment limit.

The Cheshunt pays the same rate on its Special 90 Shares account but there is a three-month notice period. The minimum investment for this is £20,000.

Michael Beggs, managing director of Brown Shipley Asset Management, says investors looking for a home for fresh money, whether they want to invest for income or not, can do far worse than put it on deposit at the moment, waiting "until things become a bit clearer".

Although gilts are a popular choice among income-seekers, he counsels caution. If interest rates go up again, today's prices will look expensive. With yields of 9.3 to 9.4 per cent gross on long-dated stocks, money is probably better left on deposit for the time being.

Offshore gilt funds can offer more attractive yields, now nudging 12 per cent, but to offer this level of yield capital is eroded, so these are not for those who need security.

Combined annuity and investment

And there is always the need for care when buying offshore. You can cut the risk by choosing a fund run by a subsidiary of a well-known British-based institution.

Towry Law quotes an average yield over the past five years on its High Rise income unit trust portfolio of 10 per cent gross, although people who have stayed in for all that time are now getting 15 per cent gross on their original investment.

Clerical Medical quietly launched a product called Double Decker in the spring that pays as much as 11.57 per cent net, depending on the investor's circumstances. This combines the purchase of an annuity with investment in Clerical Medical's Equity High Income unit trust. A third of the initial investment, for which the minimum is £4,000, goes towards buying the annuity and two-thirds into the unit trust.

The aim is that capital growth in the unit trusts will be large enough to repay the original capital.

The total return depends on prevailing annuity rates and the age of the investor. Earlier this week Clerical Medical quoted 9.14 per cent a year net for a man aged 75. The return could be increased substantially by taking all income from the unit trusts.

For the 75-year-old man Clerical Medical quotes 11.57 per cent in the first year if this route is taken. It bases the 11.57 per cent on the income it projects for the unit trusts during the next 12 months. It expects this to rise in following years, although this cannot be guaranteed.

Milking the income, however, means reducing the amount available for capital growth and reducing the likelihood of the original capital being returned.

Gilts, unit trusts and the type of product Clerical Medical has constructed all involve risk to capital and the yields are not guaranteed. Although they can work well for those who do not mind taking a long-term view and who understand the risks involved, they are not, of course, to everyone's taste.

It is little wonder that holders of National Savings Income Bonds are feeling sore about their failure to track the latest hike in interest rates.

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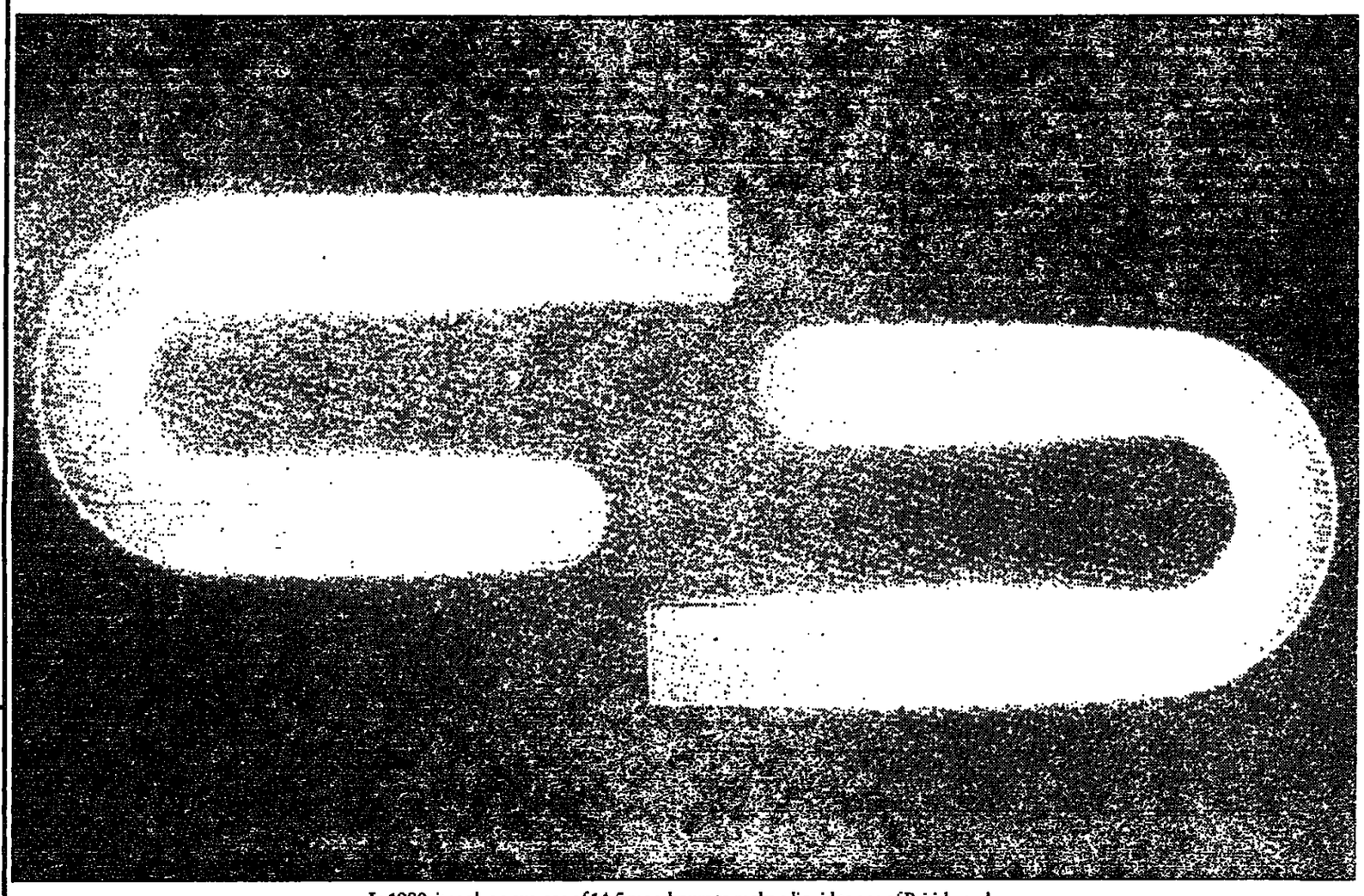
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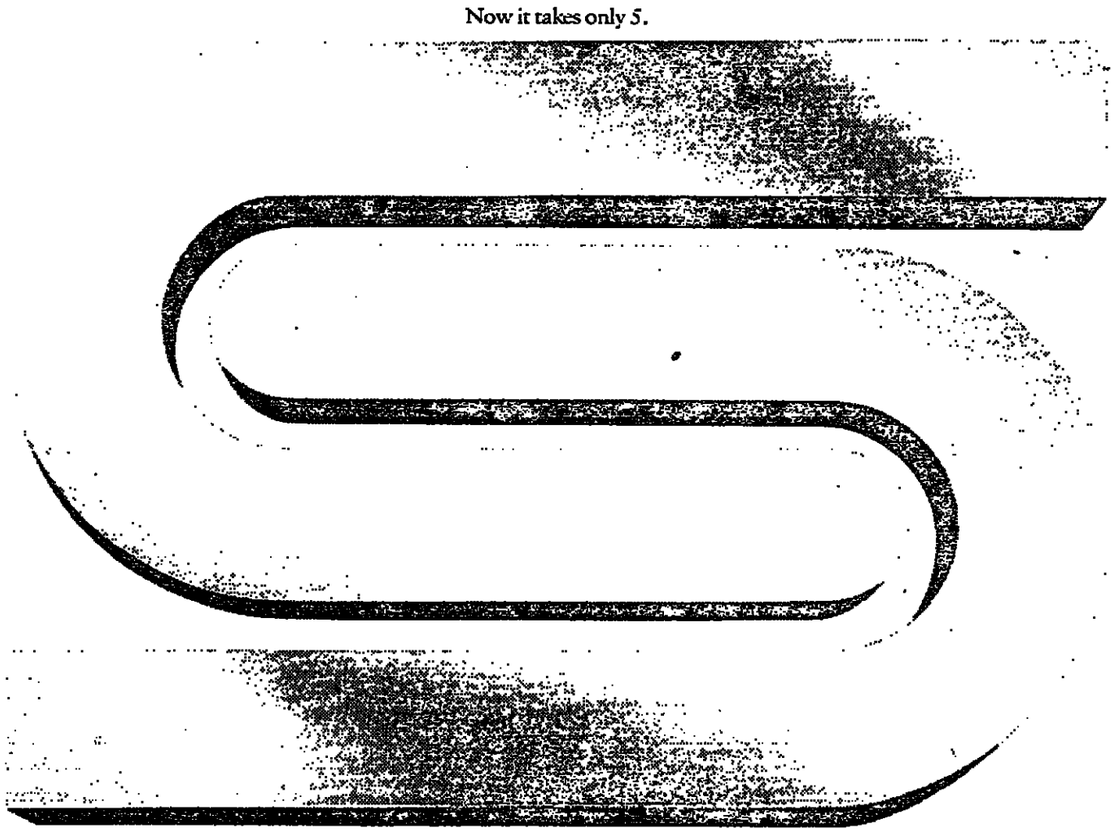


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CYCLING

Aerodynamic cycle assists Doyle's world title attempt

From Peter Bryan, Ghent, Belgium

The world track championships start here tomorrow in truncated form on the barely finished, new 250-metre wooden velodrome in the Blaarmeersen sports complex as Olympic rules preclude events at Seoul being on the world programme. Thus male amateurs contest only the motor-paced title and the tandem sprint, while female competitors have to be content with the 3,000 metres pursuit.

The main interest, then, will be concentrated on the five professional events in which Tony Doyle's preoccupation will be to win his third 5,000 metres pursuit title on Tuesday, with the points race championship of importance to him but to a lesser degree.

Doyle, winner in 1980 and 1986, had an hour's training on the track yesterday, mainly behind motorcycle pace. His determination to regain the title is illustrated by the support group of seven which surrounds him: manager, trainer, doctor, psychologist, physiologist, mechanic and motorcycle pacer.

Apart from that, Doyle has recently taken delivery of a new machine in which the latest thinking in aerodynamics has been incorporated. The frame is almost child-size, only 17 inches, but a slim alloy seat pillar, 16 inches long, allows him the ultimate in a streamlined position.

One of his team offered the opinion that even in Olympic year Doyle is the fittest of all British sportsmen.

All Britain's amateurs will be in action tomorrow: the national motor-paced champion, Nick Lett and his runner-up, Nigel Brown, will be clocking 40mph in their heats and Sally Hodge and Carol Langley, rather more sedately, try to qualify for the quarter-finals of the pursuit.

Britain's entry in the motor-paced title is the result of the former Australian world championship rider, Ron Webb, who lives near London, starting regular training sessions at Leicester. Lett and Brown have both improved on their previous standards.

Lett has pace but, with no stiff competition, he may have to be content to treat this year's championship ride as one of experience in which to brush up his racing tactics.

Webb is now the world's foremost track builder; the Olympic bowl is one of the 30 tracks for which he has been responsible.

The Ghent track, which has been used recently for the Belgian Championships, already has its critics. A partial roof covering has been incorporated with the idea of racing continuing in even the heaviest downpour, but the planners appear to have overlooked the effects of turbulence which the design can cause and rain was blown on to its surface yesterday, making it unridable.

The entry from the home straight into the 45-degree banking is considered by some riders to be too sharp and likely to produce crashes in the high speed tandem sprint, for which Britain has not entered a pair.

On the other hand, Michael Vaarten, of Belgium, 1986 winner of the keirin — a motor-paced sprint race in which the pacer shoots ahead to leave riders to fight out the final lap — says that it will favour the rider at the front when the pacer pulls away.

POWERBOATING

Chance for Curtis to make his mark

By Bryan Stiles

The bulk of the powerful European Class One fleet roars into life off Poole this weekend in search of championship points that will establish who is good enough to polish the exhausts of Fabio Buzzi, the Italian who has already claimed the title as his own.

Buzzi will not be risking his all-conquering craft, Cesa, this weekend in the seventh round of the championship, and this, it is hoped, will allow Britain's world powerboat champion, Steve Curtis, to take advantage of racing in home waters to move up the table, and fine-tune his 38ft catamaran, Reporter, for the more important task of defending his world title in Guernsey next month.

The Southampton driver's highest placing this season is the second he achieved at Porto Cervo, but he has produced the fastest speeds of the summer.

Mechanical problems, inaccurate navigation and sheer bad luck have conspired to leave him languishing in sixth place in the table. In a number of races he looked to be the biggest danger to Buzzi, but the fates conspired against him.

He has seen the Italian cross the line first on four occasions and finish second twice, and had hoped he would be able to challenge the maestro at Poole this weekend.

Once again the championships have been dominated by the Italians, who enjoy enviable tax advantages when they buy new craft. It is a situation that encourages more to venture into competitive waters off Italy's coast.

The European crews will prove formidable opposition for the British contingent, which includes John Clarke, from Waltham Cross, in Clarke International, and John Davey, from Southampton, in Macavity. Both have their eyes on the world title, too, and Davey may take a second boat to Guernsey to mount his challenge.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan on annual mission

By Keith Macklin

The sea front at Douglas has been besieged by cheerful groups of cherry-and-white supporters from Wigan, who are making an annual holiday to watch the charity shield match, sponsored by Okells Brewery, on the Isle of Man.

Tomorrow sees the fourth of these matches between the Challenge Cup holders and the champions: Wigan and Widnes. Wigan have reached the Douglas Bowl on three of those four occasions, the only hiccup being the 1986 game between Halifax and Castleford. In the other finals, Wigan beat Hull Kingston Rovers in 1985 and last year, they hammered Halifax.

Widnes make their first appearance and a crowd of more than 5,000 is expected, mostly from these northern towns, but with a strong sprinking of curious Manxmen who have this annual chance to watch the sport outside television. Since Wigan and Widnes were the two most attractive and successful sides of last season an enjoyable, free-running game is expected.

Widnes include Tony Myler in their squad, but there is no place for Brimah Kebbi, the wing from rugby union, who is recovering from a broken leg.

To complete a good week for Andy Gregory, the Wigan and Great Britain scrum half, he will receive an award sponsored by Gola for the outstanding sportsman of the month. It will be the first time that a rugby league player has received this honour.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP PLACINGS

Driver	* A	B	C	D	E	F	Total
F Buzzi (Italy)	300	400	400	400	300	400	2,200
B Abbate (Italy)	–	169	169	53	400	300	1,091
L Radice (Italy)	–	127	300	169	95	–	691
E Poli (Italy)	400	95	127	–	–	–	622
W Ragazzi (Italy)	–	300	–	225	–	–	525
S Curtis (Great Britain)	–	–	–	300	127	53	480
R Ravizza (Italy)	–	40	–	30	169	225	†464
F Mamet (France)	–	225	–	–	–	169	394
M Rigenti (Italy)	–	53	22	–	225	–	300
A Spelta (Italy)	–	–	225	–	–	–	225

*A: St Tropez, B: Monte Carlo, C: Venezia, D: Porto Cervo, E: Catania, F: Viareggio.
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FOOTBALL

FA Charity Shield

Liverpool v Wimbledon (Wembley)

Scottish B and Q League Premier division

Aberdeen v St Mirren
Dundee U v Celtic
Hearts v Hamilton
Motherwell v Dundee
Rangers v Hibernian

First division

Airdrie v Morton
Clyde v Forfar
Clydebank v Falkirk
Dunfermline v St Johnstone
Kilmarnock v Partick
Meadowbank v Ayr
Raith v Q of South

Second division

Alloa v Cowdenbeath
Arbroath v Brechin
Berwick v Stranraer
E Fife v Albion
E Stirling v Queen's Park
Montrose v Stirling
Stenhousemuir v Dumbarton

GM Vauxhall Conference

Aylesbury v Altrincham
Boston v Sutton Utd
Cheltenham v Maidstone
Chorley v Barnet
Enfield v Macclesfield
Kettering v Northwich
Kidderminster v Fisher
Runcorn v Weymouth
Stafford v Newport
Telford v Welling
Yeovil v Wycombe

Northern Premier League Premier division

Barrow v Worksop
Buxton v Bangor
Caernarfon v Horwich
Frickley v Fleetwood
Goole v Rhyl
Morecambe v Stalybridge
Mossley v Marine
Shepshed v Hyde
S Liverpool v Matlock
Southport v Gainsboro
Witton v Gateshead

Beazer Homes League Premier division

Alvechurch v Dover
Bath v Corby
Bromsgrove v Ashford
Cambridge C v Gosport
Dartford v Redditch
Dorchester v Burton A
Fareham v Worcester
Leicester U v Merthyr T
Rugby v Crawley
Wallerlooville v Bedworth
Wealdstone v Moor Green

Vauxhall-Opel League Premier division

Bognor v St Albans
Carshalton v Hayes
Dagenham v Farnboro
Dulwich v Bishop's S
Grays v Croydon
Harrow v Marlow
Hendon v Windsor
Kingstonian v Leytonstone
Leyton W v Bromley
Slough v Barking
Wokingham v Tooting

Under-16 international

England v Israel (Wembley, 1.0)

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Basildon v Southwick; Basingstoke v Colter Row; Boreham Wood v Wembley; Chalfont St Peter v Lewes; Kingsbury v Leatherhead; Staines v Hitchin; Walton and Hersham v Chesham; Wivenhoe v Bracknell; Woking v Uxbridge; Worthing v Hampton. Second division south: Banstead v Egham; Chertsey v Dorking; Finchley v Southall; Feltham v Harefield; Flackwell Heath v Haringey; Horsham v Camberley; Hungerford v Eastbourne United; Molesey v Maidenhead United; Petersfield v Yeading; Ruislip v Newbury; Whyteleafe v Epsom and Ewell.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Atherstone v Stourbridge; Bilston v Tamworth; Coventry Sporting v Sutton Coldfield; Dudley v Nuneaton Borough; Gloucester v Ashtree Highfield; Halesowen v Grantham; Hednesford v Wellingborough; King's Lynn v Forest Green; Mile Oak v Willenhall; Rushden v Bridgnorth; Spalding v Banbury. Southern division: Andover v Gravesend and Northfleet; Buckingham v Erith and Belvedere; Bury v Trowbridge; Corinthian v Hounslow; Folkestone v Burnham; Hastings v Dunstable; Poole v Baldock; Ruislip v Sheppey Utd; Thanet v Salisbury; Tonbridge v Chelmsford Witney v Canterbury.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Alfreton v Droylsden; Colne Dynamos v Eastwood Town; Curzon Ashton v Lancaster; Eastwood Hanley v Bishop Auckland; Harrogate v Winsford; Netherfield v Leek; Newtown v Farsley Celtic; Radcliffe v Penrith; Sutton Town v Irlam; Whitley Bay v Accrington; Workington v Congleton.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Ashton v Formby; Atherton LR v Knowsley; Bootle v Darwen; Clitheroe v St Helens; Colwyn Bay v Flixton; Prescot Cables v Leyland Motors; Salford v Ellesmere Port and Neston; Skelmersdale v Rossendale ; Warrington v Burscough.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Aberystwyth v Ebbw Vale; Abergavenny v Pembroke; Bridgend v Port Talbot; Caerleon v Briton Ferry; Haverfordwest v Brecon; Maesteg v Milford; Ton Pentre v AFC Cardiff; Cwmbran. Barry v Pontllanfraith.

LOMBARD ULSTER CUP: First round: Ballycarne Comrades v Ballymena; Carrick v Larne; Coleraine v Ards; Distillery v Glenavon; Glentoran v Crusaders; Linfield v Cliftonville; Newry v Bangor; Omagh v Portadown.

OTHER SPORT

BASEBALL: European B Championships: Finland v Switzerland (2.0); Great Britain v Czechoslovakia (5.30 p.m.) at Fox Hollies Leisure Centre, Birmingham.
BOWLS: Woolwich EBA championships (Worthing).
GOLF: Carrolls Irish Open (Portmarnock).
HOCKEY: Lada Classic: Great Britain v West Germany (Women). Great Britain v Spain, Netherlands v Kenya (Men) and England Veterans v Netherlands Veterans at Luton.
MOTOR RACING: Lucas British Formula 3 Championship (Oulton Park). GP FIA F 3000 (Brands Hatch). Gold Cup (Oulton Park).
TABLE TENNIS: England v Sweden (Swindon).

TOMORROW

CRICKET

Refuge Assurance League

2.0 p.m. unless stated

MORETON-IN-MARSH: Gloucestershire v Kent (1 30).
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Derbyshire.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Somerset.
WELLINGBOROUGH: Northamptonshire v Glamorgan.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Surrey.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Essex.

Schools cricket

THE OVAL: England v Sri Lankans (55 overs).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Okells Charity Shield (3.0)

Widnes v Wigan (Isle of Man)

Cumbria Cup Final (3.30)

Whitehaven v Workington (Whitehaven)

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Budweiser Bowl: Manchester Spartans v London Olympians (2.30); London Ravens v Birmingham Bulls (2.15). Budweiser League: Ipswich v Inverclyde (2.30); Herts v Stockport (2.30); Colchester v Capitol Tigers (3.0); Brighton 852's v London Capitols.
BALLOONING: British championships (Trowton, North Devon).
GOLF: Carrolls Irish Open (Portmarnock).
HOCKEY: Lada Classic: Great Britain v West Germany (Women). Spain v Kenya, Great Britain v Holland (Men), at Luton.
MOTOR RACING: Dunlop British Touring Cars Championships and GP FIA F 3000 (Brands Hatch). Gold Cup (Oulton Park). Championship races at Snetterton.
SPEEDWAY: National League: Eastbourne v Stoke; Rye House v Mildenhall; Peterborough v Edinburgh.
SKIING: Freestyle aerials: Skewbridge Ski School, Wellingborough.
TABLE TENNIS: England v Sweden (Andover).

SPORT ON TV

GRANDSTAND: BBC1 12.30-5.05 p.m. Table Tennis: from Bletchley 12.35 and 4.0. Hockey: Great Britain v West Germany (Women), Great Britain v Spain (Men) 1.05 and 3.20. Racing: 2.15, 2.45 and 3.15 races from Chester. Motorcycling from Thruxton 2.20, 2.50 and 4.30. Athletics: 4.50.
FOOTBALL: Match of the day: BBC1 11.0-11.50 p.m. FA Charity Shield, Liverpool v Wimbledon. Indoor soccer leagues: ITV 4.0-5.0 a.m. (tomorrow). San Diego v Los Angeles.
RACING: C4 9.0-9.40 p.m. The Arlington Million live from Woodbine, Toronto.

Tomorrow

ATHLETICS: C4 5.0-7.15 p.m. The GRE Clubs Cup Final from Haringey
INDY-CART RACING: ITV 3.0-5.0 a.m. (tomorrow) Toyota Grand Prix.
SUNDAY GRANDSTAND: BBC2 1.30-6.50 p.m. Hockey: Lada Classic. Great Britain v Holland (Men). Great Britain v West Germany (Women). Cricket: Gloucestershire v Kent. Athletics: from Cologne.

RACING: JIM JOEL'S UNBEATEN COLT UNDERLINES CLASSIC POTENTIAL IN SOLARIO STAKES



Power and glory as Steve Cauthen drives High Estate to an impressive victory in Sandown's Imry Solario Stakes (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Triptych to strike blow for France in Arlington Million

From A Special Correspondent, Toronto

Triptych, who will be partnered for the first time by Gary Stevens, has a fine chance of gaining the 14th and most valuable success of her long career in the £322,581 Arlington Million at Woodbine, Toronto, tonight.

The Million is usually run at Arlington Park, Chicago, but that course is being rebuilt, so Woodbine is the venue for this year only. The race, off at 9.17 pm (GMT), is the centre-piece of a live transmission on Channel 4, starting at 9.0pm.

Triptych is seeking to become the first French-trained winner in eight runnings of the Million, and she is likely to start favourite in Toronto.

Her form is far superior to her four European rivals, and the home-trained horses do not look formidable. Although the ground is riding good to firm at the moment, there is a good covering of grass, and the mare should be able to stretch out well.

Most Welcome, who has the assistance of the legendary Bill Shoemaker, chased Triptych home in last year's Champion Stakes. More recently, he was third to Warning and Then Again in the Sussex Stakes, but he will be better suited by this extra two furlongs.

Media Starguest was unlucky when third to Galitzin at Haydock last month, and would be a popular and fitting winner, since he is owned by Dick Duchossois, chairman of Arlington Park racecourse, and one of the Million's founders.

The other French challengers, Andre Fabre's Mill Native and George Mikhalides's Something True, both have something to find to be in the shake-up, although the former has won his last three races at a mile, and is bred to stay this trip.

The biggest danger to Triptych, at least according to the local pundits, will be the three-year-old Sunshine Forever. He was beaten by Anka Germania in the Sword Dancer Handicap at Belmont three weeks ago, but is improving.

Another interesting runner is the former Lester Piggott-trained Deputy Governor, who has won two grade one events in the United States this year. However, the colt has never raced over further than nine furlongs, and travelled badly from California.

High Estate heads for Ascot

By George Rae

High Estate, trained by Henry Cecil, is generally the 12-1 second favourite for next season's 2,000 Guineas following his victory in the Imry Solario Stakes at Sandown yesterday.

His stable companion Thorn Dance leads the market at 10-1 with Hills and Ladbrokes but, perhaps more significantly, High Estate shares Derby favouritism with Prince Of Dance at 16-1 in Coral's Epsom book.

There was no denying High Estate's authority and his win, his fourth in succession, confirmed him as a colt who is not only progressing along the right lines but has more improvement in him.

In front and travelling well just below the distance, he had only to be shaken up by Steve Cauthen to assert his superiority as Polar Run loomed up to challenge.

"He is very idle and doesn't do any more than he has to," Cecil said. "It makes him deceptive, but he's a good horse going the right way, and his temperament is sound.

"He's in all the top two-year-old races," Cecil went on, "but the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot might be the one to suit him. It would give him that bit more time to sort himself out and he doesn't want to go on before he really has to."

No one greeted High Estate's return more happily than his ever-enthusiastic 93-year-old owner Mr Jim Joel, who was paying his first visit to a racecourse for more than four months.

There was an interesting aside to the Guineas betting when Cecil showed how highly he regards Pure Genius, trained by Michael Stoute. Pure Genius made a successful debut at Yarmouth on Thursday, but when Cecil saw a quote of 25-1 against Pure Genius he immediately pencilled in 12-1 as a more realistic appraisal.

Dabaweyaa, second to Ravinella in the 1,000 Guineas, returns to her best with a decisive three-quarters of a length success in the BBA Atalanta Stakes. Walter Swinburn rest her clear well over a furlong out and she was never in any serious danger although New Trends produced a late flourish to deprive the always-prominent Samtrap of second place.

WOODBINE LINE-UP C4

Advance going: good to firm

9.17pm ARLINGTON MILLION (Grade I: £322,581: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

1	551121	REGAL CLASSIC 28 (C) (Windfields Farm) J Dey (Can) 3-8-6	S Hawley
2	-217121	EQUALIZE 31 (D,G) (A Menditeguy) A Penna (US) 6-9-0	J A Santos
3	17-3111	MILL NATIVE 34 (D,G,S) (Evergreen Farm) A Fabre (Fr) 4-9-0	C Asmussen
4	-112131	GREAT COMMUNICATOR 63 (D,F,G) (Class Act) T Acton (US) 5-9-0	R Sibille
5	114-313	TRIPTYCH 48 (D,F,G,S) (P Brant) P-L Biancone (Fr) 5-8-9	G Stevens
6	111315	YANKEE AFFAIR 31 (C,D,F,G,S) (Jo Ju Gen) H Carroll (US) 6-8-9	C Astley
7	423333	CAROTENE 21 (C,D,F,G) (Kingshaven Farms) R Attfield (Can) 5-8-9	D Seymour
8	121112	SUNSHINE FOREVER 21 (D,F) (Darby Dan) J Veitch (US) 3-8-6	J Velasquez
9	5512-23	MOST WELCOME 24 (D,G) (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 4-9-0	W Shoemaker
10	-119131	ANKA GERMANIA 21 (D,F,G,S) (Fernwood) T Skiffington (US) 6-8-9	C Perret
11	-123	MEDIA STARGUEST 14 (D,F,G) (R Duchossois) L Cumani 4-9-0	R Cochrane
12	4-61321	DEPUTY GOVERNOR 20 (F,G) N Drysdale (US) 4-9-0	E Delahoussaye
13	-151541	ROI NORMAND 25 (G,F) (Mr & Mrs E Gann) R Frankel (US) 5-9-0	F Toro
14	355-414	SOMETHING TRUE 48 (D,G,S) (M Fustok) G Mikhalides (Fr) 4-8-9	A Cruz

BETTING 3-1 Triptych, 5-1 Most Welcome, 6-1 Sunshine Forever, 8-1 Anka Germania, Great Communicator, 11-1 Deputy Governor, 16-1 Regal Classic, Yankee Affair, 20-1 Equalize, Media Starguest, Mill Native, 25-1 Carotene, 33-1 Roi Normand, 40-1 Something True.

Cunnington pair hold key to Prix Morny

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Deauville

There are six English runners, spread across the four feature events, at Deauville over the weekend, but the major prize, the £47,605 Prix Morny (6f) for two-year-olds, is unlikely to be brought back across the Channel.

Ron Boss has engaged Pat Eddery to ride Access Travel in the group one Morny, but he will be a definite outsider in the best field of two-year-olds assembled in France this year.

The winner is likely to be owned by Comtesse Margit Batthyany, since the Jacky Cunnington-trained pair of Phillippi (Alfred Gibert) and Ecossais (Eric Legrix) both run in her colours. They will be coupled for betting purposes, and will start in the region of 2-1 on.

Although Ecossais is rated better than Phillippi at home, the latter took care of Superpower in the Prix Robert Papin last month. Superpower's subsequent success in the Heinz '57', with the highly-rated Tersa behind, means that on form, at least, they all have Philippi to beat.

Later in the afternoon, both Rawnak (Eddery) and Persillant (Bruce Raymond) contest the 10-furlong Grand Prix du Foods Europeen de L'Elevage, a valuable listed race, worth £25,000 to the winner.

Today at Deauville, Eddery rides Bahamian in the £26,630 Prix de Pomone (13½f), and Khaled Abdulla's filly has a fine chance of reversing Oaks form with likely favourite Indian Rose (Gary Moore) over this slightly longer trip. Bahamian is joined by John Dunlop's Dutchess Best (Paul Cook).

Miss Secreto heads strong Phoenix raid

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

There will be a five-runner English raid on this afternoon's Phoenix Park meeting. The brightest prospects look to be Miss Secreto in the Debutante Fillies Stakes and Princess Athena in the Keeneland Phoenix Sprint Stakes.

A winner first time out at Goodwood, John Dunlop's Miss Secreto was beaten half a length by Life At The Top in the Sweet Solera Stakes at Newmarket.

That form looks superior to the Windsor victory of Pass The Peace, trained by Paul Cole, but a danger to both could come from Winter March, a convincing winner of her only start.

Princess Athena, a first runner at Phoenix Park for David Elsworth, ran her best race of the season so far to finish third in the King George V Stakes at Goodwood and she will be at home over this easy track. However, with heavy rain softening the ground late yesterday evening she could find the challenge of the Vincent O'Brien trained course and distance winner Welsh Charm a robust one.

RIPON

Selections

By Mandarin

2.30 Mrs Jenney. 3.0 Mubdi. 3.30 Master Pokey. 4.0 Talons Tale. 4.30 Eminence Verte. 5.0 Desert Emperor. 5.30 Best Niece.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.30 Mrs Jenney. 3.30 Retrieve. 4.0 Booby Prize. 4.30 Plausible. 5.0 Au Bon. 5.30 Best Niece.

By Michael Seely

2.30 Mrs Penney. 5.30 Best Niece.

Going: soft

Draw: 6f, low numbers are slightly favoured

2.30 EBF STUDLEY GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £3,013: 6f) (8 runners)

4	21	MRS JENNEY 14 (D,F) H Cecil 9-4	W Ryan 7
6	6	BURRES PROGRESS 12 R O'Leary 8-8	D Nicholls 2
14		PERSIAN VEIL C Britain 8-8	J Quinn (5) 5
15	4	PHOEBE MERYLL 17 J Watts 8-8	N Connorton 1
18	4	SHERZINE 36 M H Easterby 8-8	M Birch 4
20		SIDELOADER SPECIAL Miss S E Hall 8-8	J Lowe 8
21	0	SNOW HARBOR 47 I Balding 8-8	M Marshall (7) 3
23		WHITE JASMIN C Thornton 8-8	J Reid 6

8-11 Mrs Jenney, 3-1 Phoebe Meryll, 6-1 Sherzine, Persian Veil, 12-1 Snow Harbor, 16-1 Burres Progress, 20-1 others.

3.0 FULL CIRCLE SELLING STAKES (Div I: £2,229: 1m) (12)

1	5055	CLEVER TREVOR 19 G Moore 4-8-4	B Hart (7) 7
5	0/60	HODAKA 9J (D,F,G) B Cambidge 11-8-4	J Carr (5) 4
6	0	LIVING PROOF 18 J Smith 4-8-4	R Hills 5
11	4644	MUBDI 75 (F) N Tinkler 4-8-4	N Connorton 10
15	0530	VENDREDI TREIZE 10 (B,G) W Pearce 5-8-4	D Nicholls 1
18	6406	MY-ELAINE 11 M Britain 4-8-1	M Wigham 11
21	0100	SPANISH INFANTA 39 (D,F) P Felgate 5-8-1	G Duffield 2
22	10-0	WINNIES LUCK 115 (D,G,S) R Whitaker 4-8-1	K Bradshaw 6
27	-601	HANDSOME HOTFOOT 18 (D,G,S) J Parkes 3-8-9	J Quinn (5) 9
31	2600	SILVER ARCH 17 R Hollinshead 3-8-9	S Parks 3
39		PRIMROSE STAR W A Stephenson 3-8-6	A Proud 8
40	0430	SMACK ON TARGET 11 B McMahon 3-8-6	— 12

13-8 Handsome Hotfoot, 4-1 Winnies Luck, 11-2 Vendredi Treize, 7-1 My-Elaine, 10-1 Spanish Infanta, 12-1 others.

3.30 GREAT ST WILFRID HANDICAP (£12,783: 6f) (20)

3	0231	NORGABIE 20 (D,F,G) P Calver 4-8-10	R Lappin (5) 20
7	1124	MASTER POKEY 25 (D,BF,F,G,S) M W Easterby 4-9-5	R Hills 3
10	5814	PREMIER LAD 22 (CD,F,G) W Pearce 4-8-2	D Nicholls 4
12	3260	DORKING LAD 4 (D,G,S) M Tompkins 6-8-13	G Duffield 15
13	5100	PORTVASCO 25 (D,S) P Walwyn 3-8-12	N Howe 16
14	0151	RESTORE 21 (B,D,F,G,S) G Lewis 5-8-12	Paul Eddery 7
16	10-0	HUANG TUAN 22 (G,S) D Thom 3-8-9	J Lowe 2
17	1200	GOLDEN ANCONA 4 (D,G,S) M H Easterby 5-8-9	M Birch 5
18	1210	BERTIE WOOSTER 4 (D,F,G,S) R Holder 5-8-8	A Culhane (5) 9
19	3324	SOFTLY SPOKEN 12 (D,F,G,S) P Felgate 5-8-8	W Ryan 1
20	0304	GOLDEN GARTER 3 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Britain 3-8-8	M Wigham 13
21	1231	GLENCROFT 12 (B,D,F,G,S) D Chapman 4-8-7 (4ex)	S Webster 19
25	1126	SILKS VENTURE 14 (F,S) A Robson 3-8-1	J Bleasdale 6
26	2423	JOE SUGDEN 14 (F,S) R Whitaker 4-8-1	N Carlisle 14
28	1261	SO CAREFUL 8 (B,D,F,G,S) J Berry 5-7-13	Dena Meller (5) 8
29	0050	RETRIEVE 15 (D,BF,F,G,S) W Jarvis 5-7-13	R Fox 17
30	0450	PHILIP 7 (B,D,F,G,S) G Moore 6-7-13	S Wood (5) 10
31	3505	STORM RUNNER 9 (D,BF,F,G) G Fyche 3-7-10	J Carter (5)
32	1210	SHARP TIMES 22 (D,F,G) W Musson 5-7-8	E Johnson 18
34	0500	HAPPY CAVALIER 9 D Yeoman 3-7-7	P Dalton (7) 11

5-1 Glencroft, 11-2 Restore, 13-2 So Careful, 8-1 Bertie Wooster, 10-1 Master Pokey, 12-1 Dorking Lad, 14-1 others.

4.0 RACING POST MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,743: 6f) (24)

1		TENDER SPENDER J Watts 8-0	L Charnock 14
2		REGAL LAD L Cumani 8-13	C Rutter (7) 16
4	5	NORTHUMBRIAN KING 14 C Thornton 8-9	J Bleasdale 20
5		FLORAFORD Rob Thompson 8-6	R P Elliott 17
6		NOTTA M H Tompkins 8-6	G Duffield 19
8	62	TALONS TALE 53 R Hannon 8-6	Paul Eddery 24
9	0453	CAPITAL BUILDER 9 G Moore 8-5	M Birch 18
11	6606	TALIANNA 7 J Balding 8-5	S Hanstall 10
15		BOOBY PRIZE H Thomson-Jones 8-3	R Hills 12
18	00	REGENCY BEAU 5 (B) J Glover 8-2	A Proud 21
19	032	BETTER NOW 9 (BF) J Etherington 8-1	M Wood 15
25	3	MARK BIRLEY 19 P Walwyn 8-0	N Howe 13
27	2225	SINGING STAR 37 J Balding 8-0	J Quinn (5) 8
29	0360	LADY SPEED STICK 25 W Bentley 7-13	P Burke (5) 7
30	0530	MCNARABUSE 6 R Hollinshead 7-13	A Culhane (5) 1
31	42	MY DARK ROSALEEN 11 J Watts 7-13	N Connorton 6
32	66	NIPOTINA 32 I Balding 7-13	M Marshall (7) 4
35		ESKIMOJO M W Easterby 7-9	J Carter (5) 5
38	02	KATALANTA 15 B Hills 7-9	E Johnson 22
40	400	MADONNIAH 15 M Britain 7-9	R Fox 23
43	6444	NORTHWOLD STAR 17 (BF) D Thom 7-9	— 2
44		SKIP STAR D Lee 7-9	N Carlisle 11
46		TIE BACK M Camacho 7-9	J Lowe 9
47	0423	TOW-STAR'S LADY 8 M Naughton 7-9	Dale Gibson (5) 3

4-1 Bobbie Prize, 9-2 Regal Lad, 11-2 Mark Birley, Katalanta, 8-1 My Dark Rosaleen, 10-1 Better Now, 12-1 others.

4.30 MONKTON CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,327: 1m 4f) (13)

1	0310	NORTHGATE DANCER 10 (D,G) M Britain 8-8	M Wigham 12
3	0225	PLAUSIBLE 17 A Hide 8-7	M Ryan 8
4	-616	EMINENCE VERTE 15 (D,G) J Hills 8-6	R Hills 6
5	-564	MYSTERIOUS LADY 86 C Elsey 8-4	Paul Eddery 5
9	3440	REED 7 R Hollinshead 8-2	A Culhane (5) 9
12	5241	VAGOG 16 (D,F) N Tinkler 8-1	Kim Tinkler 11
13	0660	ALMETINGO 18 B McMahon 7-13	A Proud 2
14	0000	ALVECOTE LADY 10 P Felgate 7-13	G Duffield 1
15	9-00	ENCHANTING KATE 98 C Booth 7-13	S Salmon 10
16	0550	PRETTY PRODUCE 10 (B) J Etherington 7-13	M Wood 4
17	00	DOMITORA 14 W Pearce 7-11	L Charnock 3
18	0004	BLUE AND WHITE 22 S Norton 7-8	J Lowe 7
20	000	SUMMERHILL SPIRIT 25 (B) E Elkin 7-8	J Quinn (5) 13

5-2 Eminence Verte, 7-2 Vagog, 5-1 Northgate Dancer, 7-1 Plausible, Mysterious Lady, 12-1 Reed, 16-1 others.

5.0 FULL CIRCLE SELLING (Div II: £2,211: 1m) (11)

7	50-0	MAHAFEL 23 J Maddle 4-9-4	M Birch 10
10	6500	MIAMI BAY 12 (G) M Britain 4-9-4	— 8
14	0616	STAR MAESTRO 14J (D,G,S) J Pearce 6-9-4	J Mercer (7) 2
17	0	AR NOVA 19 J Mullaxll 4-9-1	S Wood (5) 1
19	0140	OUR GINGER 24 (D,F,G) Rex Thompson 4-9-1	R P Elliott 9
20	-000	ROSE LOUBET 109 (G) W Pearce 4-9-1	D Nicholls 5
24	3450	AU BON 18 D Morley 3-8-9	V Smith 11
25	2601	DESERT EMPEROR 10 (F) N Tinkler 3-8-9	Kim Tinkler 7
33	2042	AUTOMART 6 W Bentley 3-8-6	G Duffield 4
35	4555	LAURA'S DELIGHT 19 (D,F,G,S) K Stone 3-8-6	S Webster 3
36	0425	PRAIRIE AGENT 12 P Felgate 3-8-6	W Ryan 5

9-4 Desert Emperor, 4-1 Laura's Delight, 11-2 Automart, 7-1 Our Ginger, 10-1 Prairie Agent, 12-1 others.

5.30 SWALE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,036: 1m 1f) (5)

2	-610	JURRAH 38 (B,F,S) H Thomson Jones 9-7	R Hills 6
4	2241	BEST NIECE 7 (C,D) H Cecil 9-2 (5ex)	Paul Eddery 7
10	6510	GO WIN GOLD 7 (V,BF,F,S) M H Easterby 8-4	M Birch 5
13	50-9	SWEET CITY 18 (F) G Richards 8-0	P Burke (5) 2
18	0330	VIKTON VA 7 J H Wilson 7-11	L Charnock 4
21	0044	SPORTING SIMON 25 (BF) R Williams 7-10	E Johnson 1
23	3023	LOCALITY 19 E Inches 7-8	Kim Tinkler 8
24	3534	ROYAL LANGUAGE 49 (BF) S Norton 7-7	J Lowe 3

10-11 Best Niece, 4-1 Go Win Gold, 9-2 Jurrah, 10-1 Sweet City, 14-1 Sporting Simon, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 9 winners from 20 runners, 45.0%; L Cumani, 7 from 27, 25.9%; W Jarvis, 4 from 16, 25.0%; C Brittain, 4 from 20, 20.0%; M Naughton, 5 from 29, 17.2%; B Hills, 5 from 31, 16.1%.

JOCKEYS: Paul Eddery, 7 winners from 35 rides, 20.0%; W Ryan, 6 from 48, 16.7%; P Burke, 3 from 27, 11.1%; D

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Stewart's patience can pay handsome dividend with improving Nashid

By Mandarin

Nashid can reward Alec Stewart's patience by winning the Sportsman Club Handicap today at Sandown Park, and is the nap.

Stewart has made a meteoric rise since he took out his trainer's licence five years ago. His success can be attributed to his policy of giving his runners plenty of time.

Nashid has only seen the racecourse on two occasions. On his debut, the Be My Guest colt aquitted himself well when beaten a neck by Foot The Bill after coming from a long way off the pace.

He fully vindicated that pomising effort by winning in good style at Bath over 11 furlongs. Subsequently, the runner-up, Sunny Heights, the third, Lady Rosanna and the fourth, No Chili, all went on to win in fine style.

Today, Nashid will be suited by this, his first attempt over 14 furlongs.

Shortning Bread, from the *in-form stable of Michael* Stoute, represents the biggest danger. Last time out, over today's distance, she finished three lengths behind Red Guitars.

The runner-up, Tender Type, who beat her a length and half, upheld the form by finishing third in the competitive Ebor Handicap at York on Wednesday behind Kneller.

However, Nashid has the beating of Shortning Bread through a form line with No Chili, who they have both beaten. I also expect Nashid to show considerable improvement.



Alec Stewart: meteoric rise as a trainer

Charlie Nelson is already talking in terms of winning the Derby with **Spitfire**, his representative in the European Breeders' Fund Stakes. The Shirley Heights colt did well to get within half a length of High Estate in the Lanson Champagne Stakes at Goodwood, and a repeat of that running should gain him another victory.

Noble Savage, Guy Harwood's representative, is rated highly and comes from a good family, but on this occasion I side with the more experienced Spitfire.

Harwood looks to have the answer to the Variety Club Maiden Stakes with **Hillmead**. The lightly raced colt showed he has ability when finishing third to Kahyasi last year at Newmarket. This season, he came close to victory when second to Nayrizi, who has since won again, at Ascot.

David Elsworth's head lad, Rodney Boult, who rides Desert Orchid in all his gallops, will hopefully be a proud father after the Dynasty I & II Restaurants Amateur Handicap where his daughter, Simone, looks poised to ride her first winner on **Gibbous Moon**.

Maksud, who blazed the trail in the Derby as the pacemaker for Unfuwain, recently showed that he is capable performer in his own right by winning the Alycidon Stakes at Goodwood.

At Chester, the Robert Armstrong-trained colt can continue his winning ways by taking the Berry Magicoal Surefire Chester Stakes.

Lanfranco Dettori and Luca Cumani can continue their run of success with **Occamist** in the Paradise Maiden Claiming Stakes. The Diesis colt showed considerable promise on his debut when finishing fifth behind Forfun at Leicester.

Northern trainers can dominate the competitive Great St Wilfrid Handicap at Ripon. The key form to this six-furlong dash lies with the Stewards' Cup as six of today's runners meet again.

Glencroft fared the best of them, when finishing runner-up to Rotherfield Greys, but on this occasion I side with **Master Pokey**, the fourth home, to get his revenge.

In the Stewards' Cup Master Pokey had trouble finding an opening and when he did he finished best of all.

Blinkered first time

SANDOWN: 3.5 Secret Dreamer. RIPON: 3.30 Golden Garter, Glencroft. 4.0 Regency Beau. 4.30 Pretty Produce, Summerhill Spirit. 5.30 Go Win Gold.

SANDOWN PARK

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Spitfire.	2.00 —
2.30 Gibbous Moon.	2.30 Vague Melody.
3.05 Jigs And Reels.	3.05 Secret Dreamer.
3.40 Cree Bay.	3.40 All Is Forgiven.
4.10 Unknown Quantity.	4.10 Gopak.
4.40 NASHID (nap).	4.40 Nashid.
5.15 Hillmead.	5.15 Baraz.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.15 **HILLMEAD.**

Going: firm (straight course); good to firm (round)

Draw: 5f, high numbers best

2.0 EBF GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,175: 1m) (8 runners)

103	(5)	241	REGENT LIGHT 22 (S) (Elisha Holding) G Lewis 9-4	W R Swinburn	83
104	(3)	212	SPITFIRE 23 (C,G) (R E A Bott Ltd) C R Nelson 9-4	S Cauthen	● 99
108	(7)	6	DOUBLE BLUSH 22 (S Khaled) J Dunlop 8-11	B Rouse	83
109	(8)	00	JONJO'S SON 46 (J Dewhirst) M McCormack 8-11	M Roberts	—
110	(2)		NACONA (A F Budge Limited) R Hannon 8-11	A McGlone	—
111	(6)		NOBLE SAVAGE (Sheikh Mohammed) G Harwood 8-11	G Starkey	—
113	(1)	500	CROSBY PLACE 47 (Miss P Westbrook) M Haynes 8-6	C Rutter	84
114	(4)	42	PETITE ROSANNA 19 (T Mills) W Carter 8-6	—	90

BETTING: 6-4 Spitfire, 9-2 Noble Savage, 5-1 Regent Light, 11-2 Petite Rosanna, 8-1 Double Blush, 20-1 Nacona, 25-1 Jonjo's Son, 33-1 Crosby Place.

1987: PATENIER 2-8-11 G Starkey (15-2) G Harwood 10 ran

2.30 DYNASTY I & II RESTAURANTS HANDICAP (Amateurs: £2,075: 1m 2f) (25 runners)

201	(19)	006346	RANA PRATAP 16 (D,BF,F,G,S)(Royal Racing) G Lewis 8-12-0	T Thomson Jones	96
203	(4)	328254	VAGUE MELODY 24 (D,BF,F,G) (Carlton Ltd) Mrs L Piggott 6-11-4	Jennie Goulding	95
207	(15)	000030	MIGHTY GLOW 18 (Mrs A Rubin) C Tinkler 4-10-13	S Astaire (3)	80
208	(17)	150550	CHECKPOINT 28 (G) (R Richards) C Brittain 4-10-12	Carolyn Eddery	98
209	(14)	430-500	KARBAJ 11 (Mrs S Jones) C Horgan 4-10-12	C Farrell	87
210	(20)	2210-40	TARLETON'S OAK 30 (D,F) (Mrs B Trafford) G Harwood 5-10-12	Amanda Harwood	90
211	(21)	34106-4	GIBBOUS MOON 42 (D,G) (J Moreton) D Elsworth 5-10-10	Simone Boult (3)	91
212	(6)	450510	AYLESFIELD 5 (C,D,F,G,S) (A Hide) A Hide 8-10-10	Sue Brown	● 99
213	(22)	121026/	SARAH'S VENTURE 1037 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Jackson) C Horgan 9-10-8	Debbie Albion	—
214	(11)	602401	RAPID LAD 11 (D,F,G,S)(S Borsberry) J Spearing 10-10-7(7ex)	Teresa Spearing (3)	95
215	(2)	640	CRESTA FIREWORK 40 (R E A Bott Ltd) C R Nelson 4-10-5	Joanna Winter	90
216	(1)	42500-6	BASTINADO 30 (D,F) (P Mellon) I Balding 5-10-5	Clare Balding	92
217	(5)	05-0134	IT'S VARADAN 49 (C,D,G,S) (A Bayliss) H O'Neill 4-10-5	T Grantham	95
218	(12)	01060-5	RICHARDS FOLLY 24 (G) (P Batey) P Batey 5-10-5	E Batey	94
219	(3)	000400	JUST TOO BRAVE 17J (M Stoneman) M McCourt 5-10-4	D Duggan (3)	96
220	(10)	14-0031	DALBY DANCER 38 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Brook) J Glover 4-10-3	Sandy Brook	90
221	(7)	00-0060	DIMENSION 12 (B,CD,F,G,S) (M Ingram) Mrs N Smith 6-10-2	—	88
222	(23)	500050	BRONZE RUNNER 17 (B,CD,F,G) (Austin Stroud Ltd) E Wheeler 4-10-1	Kelly Marks	97
223	(9)	02/06-	DMAANEE 354 (P Clarke) J Long 6-9-12	P Clarke	—
224	(24)	0716-23	CANONESS 11 (F) (A Byrne) P Hayward 7-9-12	Maxine Juster	94
225	(16)	000000	GOLD ARCHER 5 (D,F) (M Hammer) M Fetherston-Godley 5-9-11	D Bennsworth	86
226	(25)	0/300-01	COUNT BERTRAND 17 (F) (Serological Ltd) W Holden 7-8-11	Katherine Holden (3)	91
227	(13)	00-0155	OH NY JOY 70 (D,G) (P Gallagher Ltd) Miss B Sanders 4-9-10	Tracey Bird (3)	91
228	(8)	000050	BINGDON BUILDERS 21 (D Rowland) D Thom 4-9-9	Sharron Murgatroyd	81
230	(18)	609/000	DUST CONQUERER 18J (F) (Mrs J Bettes) A Denson 7-9-7	Jackie Bettes (3)	—

BETTING: 5-1 Tarleton's Oak, 6-1 Checkpoint, 10-1 Rana Pratap, 11-1 Vague Melody, 12-1 Gibbous Moon, Rapid Lad, 14-1 It's Varadan, Count Bertrand, Dalby Dancer, 16-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.5 BERNARD SUNLEY SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,200: 7f) (17 runners) C 4

303	(2)	000314	NIKLAS ANGEL 15 (D,G) (P Charalambous) M Brittain 9-7	A Munro (5)	82
304	(14)	0463	ORIENTAL SPLENDOUR 35 (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 9-7	N Day	80
306	(1)	360	JIGS AND REELS 18 (Mrs R J Houghton) R Johnson Houghton 9-5	W Newnes	89
307	(16)	140224	GO RABALL GO 15 (F) (A Irish) C Allen 9-4	W R Swinburn	92
308	(17)	4500	GREAT GUSTO 15 (T Jennings) D Thom 9-4	G Starkey	87
309	(4)	004	TASKALADY 56 (56) (G Jones) M Brittain 9-3	G Bardwell (3)	80
310	(11)	03000	RUNNER DUCK 12 (Mrs B Attenborough) G Balding 9-3	J Williams	92
311	(13)	4450	IRISH DITTY 19 (G Pritchard-Gordon) R Smyth 9-2	B Rouse	87
312	(5)	00400	CARNBREA FRED 42 (Mrs S Crompton) D Elsworth 9-1	S Cauthen	89
313	(10)	CC4004	MALLAU 11 (J Khan) L Holt 8-12	N Adams	95
314	(3)	020212	DOLLY BEVAN 15 (S) (Exors Mrs Carol Jones) D Haydn Jones 8-12	M Roberts	90
315	(9)	0021	TRES SPORTIF 37 (B,S) (T Johnsey) P Cundell 8-11	S Whitworth	88
316	(6)	0344	MY BROTHER JAKE 15 (L Tonnin) P Burgoyne 8-9	A Tucker (7)	97
317	(7)	040	SECRET DREAMER 24 (B) (D Milne) P Haslam 8-6	T Williams	83
319	(8)	531002	MOOR FROLICKING 32 (F) (M Evans) T Jones 8-6	A Clark	90
322	(15)	400642	JUSCRIS 7 (7) (Lambourn Racing) M Usher 8-1	A McGlone	● 99
323	(12)	054	NOALLETTA 43 (Sir Mark Prescott) M Prescott 7-11	A Mackay	85

BETTING: 3-1 Juscris, 6-1 Dolly Bevan, 13-2 Go Raball Go, 8-1 Jigs And Reels, 10-1 Tres Sportif, Noaletta, 12-1 Moor Frolicking, Niklas Angel, 16-1 others.

1987: VALUED COLLECTION 2-8-12 J Curant (5-1) R Simpson 13 ran

FORM NIKLAS ANGEL (9-2) 2½l 4th to Shelbourne Lady (8-6) at Newmarket (7f sell, £1,926, good to firm, Aug 5, 13 ran) with GREAT GUSTO (8-11) 4½l 10th.

ORIENTAL SPLENDOUR (8-9) 7l 3rd to Lomax (9-0) in an Ayr maiden (7f, £1,942, good to soft, July 16, 7 ran).

GO RABALL GO (7-7) 5l 4th to Sharp Thistle (8-1) at Newmarket (7f h'cap, £4,838, good to firm, Aug 5, 9 ran).

DOLLY BEVAN (8-13) neck 2nd to Jay Gee (8-11) at Lingfield (6f seller, £936, good to firm, Aug 5, 11 ran) with MY BROTHER JAKE (8-11) 4l 4th.

TRES SPORTIF (8-9) beat Langham Lady (8-9) 2l at Chepstow (6f seller, £744, good to soft, July 14, 7 ran).

MOOR FROLICKING (8-6) 2½l 2nd to Butter Fingers (8-6) at Folkestone (5f seller, £1,035, good, July 19, 7 ran).

JUSCRIS (8-6) 1l 2nd to Miss Patdonna (8-6) at Wolverhampton (7f seller, £690, good to firm, Aug 13, 15 ran).

Selection: JUSCRIS

3.40 HILTON NATIONAL HOTELS HANDICAP (£3,200: 5f) (20 runners) C 4

401	(2)	0-42500	MAKE OR MAR 53 (D,F) (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 4-9-10	G Kennedy (7)	94
403	(11)	460200	PADRE PIO 25 (CD,F,S) (Mrs G Ward) D Arbuthnot 7-9-5	S Cauthen	● 99
405	(4)	302210	DISTANT RULER 14 (CD,G,S) (A Smith) C Nelson 4-9-4	S Whitworth	94
406	(57)	301264	DERWENT VALLEY 28 (F,S) (D Buchanan) R Hannon 4-9-4	G Starkey	97
407	(10)	20/6056-	LINGERING 339 (D,G) (J Redmond) J Winter 4-9-4	N Day	82
408	(19)	0-34405	STORMY PRAISE 21 (Mrs M Townsend) C James 4-9-3	B Rouse	83
410	(12)	250533	ALL IS FORGIVEN 4 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs I Norman) D Thom 8-8-13	A Clark	92
413	(14)	603210	GREENHIL JAZZ TIME 21 (D,S) (J Sheddon) R Simpson 4-8-10	—	92
414	(15)	500406	MICRO LOVE 7 (CD,F,G) (J Stafford) H O'Neill 4-8-10	T Williams	93
415	(7)	642220	NO BEATING HARTS 7 (D,BF,F,S) (C Taylor) M McCormack 5-8-9	W R Swinburn	92
416	(1)	0-25260	CREE BAY 16 (B,CD,F,G,S) (D Oseman) J Spearing 9-8-6	A Mackay	92
417	(18)	400-056	GEORGE WILLIAM 15 (CD,F,G) (Mrs S McGill) Miss B Sanders 7-8-5	W Newnes	84
418	(13)	065613	LOFT BOY 15 (B,CD,G,S) (Mrs B Allwright) N Vigors 5-8-4	M Roberts	96
419	(9)	025100	TACHYON PARK 15 (B,D,F,G) (J Rowland) P Arthur 6-8-3	A McGlone	92
420	(17)	526010	LOCHTILLUM 8 (D,F,G,S) (J Douglas-Home) J Douglas-Home 9-8-3	J Williams	95
423	(16)	234450	CEE-EN-CEE 15 (B,D,F) (Orbit Ltd) M McCourt 4-7-10	C Rutter (3)	91
424	(5)	412234	MAIDEN BIDDER 15 (D,F,G) (J Hollins) D Wilson 6-7-8	G Bardwell (3)	94
425	(3)	002622	TAKE EFFECT 18 (B,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-7-8	A Munro (5)	89
427	(8)	303400	ROYAL BEAR 7 (D,F,S) (E Monaghan) J Bradley 6-7-7	N Adams	86
428	(20)	005040	EVER SO SHARP 10 (D,F,G) (P Wheeler) J Smith 5-7-7	R Street	73

Long handicap: Royal Bear 612, Ever So Sharp 6-3.

BETTING: 6-1 Distant Ruler, 13-2 Lott Boy, 7-1 Derwent Valley, 8-1 Padre Pio, Maiden Bidder, 10-1 George William, 12-1 No Beating Harts, Greenhil Jazz Time, 14-1 others.

1987: THE MECHANIC 4-8-8 Pat Eddery (11-4 fav) J Sutcliffe 12 ran

FORM PADRE PIO (8-11) 1l 2nd to Premier Lad (9-0) at Kempton (6f h'cap, £3,163, good to firm, June 29, 12 ran).

DISTANT RULER (9-1) beat MAIDEN BIDDER (7-7) ¾l over course and distance on penultimate start (5f h'cap, £3,079, good, July 20, 11 ran) with TACHYON PARK (8-4) 9l 9th.

GREENHIL JAZZ TIME (9-7) beat NO BEATING HARTS (9-7) a short head at Lingfield on penultimate start (5f h'cap, £2,847, soft, July 23, 17 ran) with ROYAL BEAR (8-1) 2½l and GEORGE WILLIAM (9-10) 13th.

GEORGE WILLIAM (9-5) 2½l 5th Nawwar (8-9) at Newmarket (5f h'cap, £3,518, good to firm, Aug 5, 19 ran).

LOFT BOY (9-4) 2½l 3rd to Dancing Sarah (8-3) at Lingfield (6f h'cap, £2,917, good to firm, Aug 5, 17 ran) with MAIDEN BIDDER (8-5) a head 4th and CEE-EN-CEE (8-7) 2½l 8th and TACHYON PARK (9-0) 1¼l 10th.

LOCHTILLUM (8-2) beat Green Dollar (8-4) 7l at Bath (5f 167yd h'cap, £3,262, good to soft, July 25, 11 ran) with DERWENT VALLEY (9-10) 3½l 4th.

Selection: PADRE PIO

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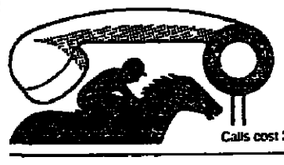
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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.10 AIR EUROPE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £6,400: 1m 2f) (13 runners) C 4

502	(10)	1-403	UNKNOWN QUANTITY 21 (G) (The Queen) W Hastings-Bass 9-7	S Cauthen	94
503	(6)	603510	SPANISH PINE 35 (S) (Maktoum Al-Maktoum) B Hanbury 9-7	G Bardwell (3)	95
505	(4)	03-51	GOPAK 32 (D,G) (Sir Michael Sobell) M Stoute 9-4	W R Swinburn	89
506	(11)	6-12441	WHITE-WASH 35 (S) D (Sir Robin McAlpine) J Dunlop 9-2	G Starkey	94
510	(8)	4-16	GAASID 53 (BF,F) (Sheikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum) M A Jarvis 8-7	A Clark	94
512	(13)	01221	AUNT MABEL 17 (D,F,G) (D Carleton Paget) J Toller 8-6	W Newnes	93
513	(9)	314004	BUSH HILL 21 (G) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 8-6	N Day	94
514	(11)	302610	QUEENS TOUR 11 (D,G,S) (I Bell) M Brittain 8-6	A Munro (5)	96
515	(12)	3-4314	STORADA 23 (D,G) (F Salvadi) P Cole 8-6	C Rutter	96
516	(3)	621011	CHASE THE DOOR 12 (B,F,G) (C Dodson) J Sutcliffe 8-6 (4ex)	B Rouse	● 99
517	(2)	1112U3	SUNDAY SPORT BOY 19 (F,G) (Roldvale Ltd) M W Easterby 8-5	M Roberts	89
519	(7)	330124	TRUE QUEEN 22 (D,G) (G Lock) J Bethell 8-3	N Adams	95
521	(5)	45-442	FIGHTING GORYTUS 29 (Mrs S Nickerson) C Boots 8-1	T Williams	94

BETTING: 4-1 Gopak, 6-1 Chase The Door, 7-1 White-Wash, 15-2 Aunt Mabel, 10-1 Unknown Quantity, 12-1 Storada, Spanish Pine, 14-1 Gaasid, 16-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM SPANISH PINE (9-4) beat Lady La Paz (9-0) ½l at York (1m h'cap, £4,955, good to soft, July 9, 11 ran) on penultimate start.

GOPAK (9-0) beat Aldemey (9-0) 2½l at Folkestone (1m 2f mdn, £959, good, July 19, 15 ran).

WHITE-WASH (8-13) beat Yamrah (9-4) 1l at Newmarket (1m 2f h'cap, £3,967, good to soft, July 16, 5 ran)

AUNT MABEL (9-3) beat Masons Avenue (8-3) ½l at Yarmouth (1m 2f h'cap, £2,713, good, Aug 3, 9 ran).

STORADA (8-5) 3½l 4th to Zinsky (8-9) at Goodwood (1m 4f h'cap, £9,428, good to firm, July 28, 12 ran).

CHASE THE DOOR (8-11) beat George Hobert (9-10) 2l at Windsor (1m 7fbyd h'cap, £2,695, good to firm, Aug 8, 9 ran).

TRUE QUEEN (7-7) 5½l 4th to Kazavyna (7-10) in the Extel Handicap at Goodwood (1m 2f h'cap, £25,908, good to firm, July 29, 14 ran).

Selection: CHASE THE DOOR

4.40 SPORTSMAN CLUB HANDICAP (£3,840: 1m 6f) (20 runners) C 4

608	(11)	411202	DOUBLE DUTCH 29 (CD,G) (L Fuller) Miss B Sanders 4-9-10	W Newnes	97
609	(17)	21	NASHID 89 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 3-9-9	M Roberts	95
610	(7)	0-331	SHINGLE RIDGE 36 (D,S) (Duchess Of Norfolk) J Dunlop 5-9-7	S Cauthen	95
611	(20)	204000	TRAPEZE ARTIST 14 (CD,F,G) (Innogroup Ltd) N Vigors 7-9-6	A Whitehall (7)	● 99
612	(4)	0-3613	SHORTNING BREAD 24 (V,D,S) (G Hahn) M Stoute 3-9-5	W R Swinburn	98
614	(6)	601406	COMMON FARM 71 (F,S) (Mrs C Holder) R Dickin 5-9-1	J Williams	90
615	(10)	210/235	TRUST THE IRISH 46 (G) (A Gardiner-Hill) H O'Neill 7-8-13	—	93
616	(5)	040-0	AIMEE JANE 42 (P Locke) G Harwood 3-8-12	G Starkey	86
617	(16)	00-2334	JADE STAR 46 (BF) (B Polins) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-12	G Bardwell (3)	95
619	(3)	300034	BYWELL LAD 30 (F) (Mrs I Evans) R Curtis 3-8-11	R McGhin	97
620	(13)	140226	PATROCLUS 24 (S) (A Clarke) R Voorspuy 3-8-10	S Whitworth	94
621	(15)	62500-	GOLDEN DISPLAY 213J (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 4-8-8	J Curant	83
622	(18)	400020	SUNDAYSPORT SCOOP 28 (Roldvale Ltd) J Sutcliffe 3-8-8	B Rouse	90
623	(2)	030	KALA FAIR 21 (R Barnett) H Candy 3-8-8	C Rutter	—
624	(19)	056013	FOURTH LAD 7 (F) (Mrs L Davies) R Hannon 4-8-5 (5ex)	D McKay	94
625	(1)	6-03345	OCEAN HOUND 26 (V,S,S) (P Bowdich) L Cottrell 4-8-4	N Adams	97
627	(9)	6050-	SIEGERIN 2783 (K Fischer) M Francis 4-8-4	A McGlone	—
628	(12)	660-564	MO CERI 30 (Mrs H Macfarlane) D Elsworth 4-8-3	T Williams	96
630	(8)	340255	BRAVO STAR 11 (Mrs R Trehus) P Mitchell 3-8-2	—	92
631	(14)	4-44000	GLOWING PICTURE 11 (K Platten) A Ingham 3-8-1	D J Williams (5)	98

BETTING: 11-4 Nashid, 6-1 Shingle Ridge, 15-2 Shortning Bread, 8-1 Double Dutch, 12-1 Fourth Lad, Aimee Jane, 14-1 Kala Fair, 16-1 Patroclus, 20-1 Others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM DOUBLE DUTCH (7-9) neck 2nd to Roubayd (9-3) at Ascot (2m h'cap, £7,778, good to soft, July 22, 9 ran).

NASHID (9-0) 1½l winner from Sunny Heights (9-0) at Bath (1m 3f 150yd mdn, £2,071, firm, May 23, 14 ran).

SHINGLE RIDGE (8-11) beat Touch For Luck (9-0) 7l at Nottingham (1m 6f mdn, £1,440, soft, July 16, 10 ran).

SHORTNING BREAD (8-3) 2l winner from No Chil (8-3) at Redcar (1m 6f 160yd mdn, £2,770, good to soft, July 5, 15 ran) with JADE STAR (8-6) 6½l 4th.

BYWELL LAD (8-4) 7l 4th behind Main Objective (8-6) at Sandown (1m 2f apprentice h'cap, £2,540, good, July 21, 9 ran).

PATROCLUS (8-0) 2l 2nd to Fame And Glory (9-6) at Sandown (1m 6f h'cap, £3,948, good, July 21, 9 ran) with GLOWING PICTURE (7-11) 6th.

OCEAN HOUND (8-2) 5½l 6th behind Vatheury (7-7) at Bath (1m 5f 12yd h'cap, £3,262, good to soft, July 25, 11 ran) with FOURTH LAD (7-12) 3l 8th.

Selection: SHINGLE RIDGE

4.15 MALVERN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,347: 2m) (7)

1 182- DIAMOND DIGGER 78 (D,F) D Nicholson 6-11-13 — R Dunwoody
2 3-53 SIR LESTER 14 (D,F,S) J Bradley 12-11-5 — Miss P Jones (7)
4 P-53 BRITANNICUS 8 (D,F,G) N Thomson 12-10-4 — D Morris
5 22-U TARPROMISE 14 (D,F) M Ekley 8-10-3 — D Tegg (4)
7 0-86 TAILORED TO TASTE 7 (D,G) D Williams 9-10-0 — W Humphreys (4)
8 0P-3 TIERENEE 9 (D,F,S) F Barton 10-10-0 — T Wall
9 56- CLAIR SOLEIL 77 Mrs J Croft 8-10-0 — Miss A Langton

7-4 Sir Lester, 9-4 Britannicus, 100-30 Tierenee, 5-1 Diamond Digger, 10-1 others.

4.45 ABERGAVENNY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,295: 2m 3f) (13)

1 5-02 KASU II (F,G) J Harris 5-11-10 — Vicki Harris (7)
2 4P-3 BABY SIGH 10 (F,G) G Stickland 6-11-9 — Mr S Stickland
3 1-5 SOULEIADOU 8 (F) M Pipe 4-11-8 — J Lower
5 23-2 FORGIVING 9 (G) Mrs S Oliver 6-10-13 — R Hyett
6 204- MUM'S GIRL 82 B Smart 8-10-13 — R Dunwoody
7 5-24 PATCHOULI'S PET 5 (F) W Morris 5-10-11 — A Mathoiland (7)
8 P-44 GOOD CAUSE 9 Miss S Wilton 4-10-7 — G McCourt
9 PPP- RIVER TROUT 110 C Trietline 7-10-7 — J Shortt
10 F0-0 HOME COMMAND 21 (F,G) J Bradley 8-10-5 D Tegg (4)
11 60/- SOME SPARE 24F R Dickin 9-10-4 — M Jones (7)
12 2-03 SPARKLING JUDY 8 D Carey 4-10-1 — M Williams
13 PF- LUCY KING 82 Mrs J Croft 7-10-1 — W Humphreys (4)
14 /-05 JANAAB 7 J Harris 6-10-1 — J A Harris

3-1 Forgiving, 7-2 Souleiadou, 4-1 Baby Sigh, 6-1 Patchouli's Pet, 8-1 Sparkling Judy, 12-1 others.

HEREFORD

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Maintown 2.45 Chiropodist. 3.15 Captain Rondo. 3.45 Joara. 4.15 Diamond Digger. 4.45 Forgiving.

Going: firm (watering)

2.15 CHERRY NOVICES HURDLE (£685: 2m) (17 runners)

2 28-1 MAINTOWN 9 (D) M Pipe 7-11-2 — P Scudamore
3 COMBO 46F D Nicholson 4-11-0 — R Dunwoody
6 0/- EVESHAM BUTCHERS 602 J Bennett 6-11-0 S Shilston
9 03-4 FAMOUS LAD 15 (BF) R Lee 5-11-0 — B Dowling
10 P0F- HIGHLAND LAIRD 119 D Ringer 4-11-0 — S McNeil
11 30P- LYON COEUR 11F F Jordan 5-11-0 — C Smith
12 LYREEN RIVER 414F B Curley 4-11-0 — D Murphy
13 PHELIOFF 570F A Turnell 4-11-0 — Steve Knight
14 5 PPS LITTLE SECRET 16 G Gracey 4-11-0 — D Morris
16 40-3 RUE ST JACQUES 14 B Smart 5-11-0 — T Pinfield (7)
19 60- TOKANDA 24F F Yardley 4-11-0 — C Cox
20 TRUDY'S LOVE 148F J Smith 5-11-0 — R Bellamy
21 WOLVERNESS 305F Mrs J Croft 6-11-0 — S Moore
P CHERRY GLORY 7 D Windle 5-10-9 — N Davies
26 SHEER WATER D C Tucker 5-10-9 — M Coleman
27 3- SPANISH PRINCESS 17F G Enright 4-10-9 — M Perrett
28 00/- ST ANLO 383F B Wells 6-10-9 — Mr M Darby

5-4 Maintown, 7-2 Combo, 5-1 Famous Lad, 8-1 Rue St Jacques, 12-1 Spanish Princess, 14-1 others.

2.45 BLAIRADAM HANDICAP CHASE (£1,500: 3m) (5)

1 F0-4 MASTER PLAYER 15 (F,S) P Blockley 11-11-12 — S Cunningham (7)
2 2-F2 SEATELL 14 (BF,F,G) Denys Smith 8-11-1 — C Grant
3 22-1 PYJAMAS 21 (D,F) G Richards 7-11-0 — P Tuck
5 P3-P CLONROCHE STREAM 21 (D,G,S) V Thompson 9-10-0 — Mr M Thompson
6 00- GOLD PROFIT 84 W Young 8-10-0 — Mr N Kelleher (7)

11-8 Pyjamas, 7-4 Seatell, 5-1 Master Player, 12-1 Clonroche Stream, 16-1 Gold Profit.

3.15 CRAIGVINEAN NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£988: 2m) (10)

1 506- QUASSIMI 159 G Richards 4-11-7 — P Tuck
2 5-03 SOCA DANCER 7 V Thompson 4-11-7 — Mr M Thompson
4 F0-0 MISS RELSUN 21 Mrs G Reveley 4-11-2 — N Smith (7)
5 BOLD ATTEMPT 17F Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-1 — M Dwyer
8 PP5- ROYAL ROUSER 88 (H) D Burchell 5-10-12 S Davies (7)
9 3- DUBLINAIRE 324 D Burchell 5-10-11 — D J Burchell (4)
11 00- THIRTEENTH FRIDAY 22F R Allan 6-10-10 — J Mooney
12 0-05 JOEY BLACK 16 P Blockley 4-10-9 — P Niven
13 00- LE GUERRIER 18F P Monteith 4-10-9 — D Nolan
14 P0P- HAMRAHI 24F D Yeoman 4-10-6 — C Hawkins

5-2 Quassimi, 4-1 Bold Attempt, Dubliniaire, 13-2 Soca Dancer, 8-1 Joey Black, 10-1 others.

3.15 CONBURY NOVICES CHASE (£1,860: 3m 1f) (8)

1 5-61 BLACKWELL BOY 7 (B,G) A James 7-11-10 — J Bryan
2 000- BREENAMORE 122 W Kemp 6-11-3 — S McKeever (7)
3 F1F- CAPTAIN RONDO 98 R Lee 10-11-3 — B Dowling
4 U/- HARDY JACK 98 H Manners 10-11-3 — Mr A Tory (7)
6 00-3 LITTLE LONDON 7 (B,F,G) T Morton 9-11-3 — H Davies
8 NEW GLEN D Williams 10-11-3 — J D Doyle
11 PP-4 KUWAIT STAR 8 N Thomson 5-11-0 — D Morris
12 P- BOOLEY GIRL 81 P Bevan 7-10-12 — T Wall

4-6 Backwell Boy, 11-4 Little London, 5-1 Kuwad Star, 12-1 Captain Rondo, 16-1 others.

3.45 WEST MIDLANDS HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,171: 3m 1f) (6)

1 51-5 JOARA 21 (V, BF,F,G) M Pipe 4-11-10 — A Walter (4)
2 30-4 RUSSIAN LULLABY 19 (G) Mrs S Oliver 4-11-9 — Miss S Lawrence (7)
3 FP5- C B M GIRL 105 (S) T Price 7-10-7 — Miss R Price
4 P0-1 LIBERTY WALK 10 (V) G Gracey 9-10-3 (5ex) — —
5 65-1 FLORI WONDER 9 (F,G) J Davies 8-10-2 — C Barnett-Wells (7)
6 045- HI DARLIN' 310 (F,G) H Manners 11-10-0 — Miss T Waldwin (7)

2-1 Liberty Walk, 5-2 Joara, 4-1 Flori Wonder, 11-2 Russian Lullaby, 12-1 others.

4.15 MALVERN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,347: 2m) (7)

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2 3-53 SIR LESTER 14 (D,F,S) J Bradley 12-11-5 — Miss P Jones (7)
4 P-53 BRITANNICUS 8 (D,F,G) N Thomson 12-10-4 — D Morris
5 22-U TARPROMISE 14 (D,F) M Ekley 8-10-3 — D Tegg (4)
7 0-86 TAILORED TO TASTE 7 (D,G) D Williams 9-10-0 — W Humphreys (4)
8 0P-3 TIERENEE 9 (D,F,S) F Barton 10-10-0 — T Wall
9 56- CLAIR SOLEIL 77 Mrs J Croft 8-10-0 —

CRICKET: TRIUMPH FOR COWDREY WHILE RAIN FRUSTRATES WORCESTERSHIRE

Kent retrieve lead as inept batting dooms Hampshire

By John Woodcock

BOURNEMOUTH: Kent (22pts) beat Hampshire (4) by 91 runs

With the rain holding off, Kent got back into winning ways at Bournemouth yesterday and in doing so, returned to the top of the county championship.

Invited to score 242 to win in a minimum of 73 overs, weather permitting, Hampshire were bowled out well before the start of the last hour for 150, Igglesden and Ellison sharing the wickets. Igglesden's figures for the match were 10 for 91.

Kent's victory was their first for five games. Against the fifteenth side in the table and on a pitch helpful to bowlers and with no easy matches to come, nothing less would have suited them, and once Tavaré and Chris Cowdrey had got their second innings going in the morning, they played some thoroughly good cricket.

With a partnership of 72 in 45 minutes, during which the bat was thrown with abandon, these two gained enough time for Cowdrey to declare 10 minutes before lunch. This brought the interval forward. Cowdrey's whole demeanour, then and in the field, showed the drive which has had so much to do with Kent's success this season.

There was nothing particularly easy about batting. Even so, Hampshire's really was an abject performance. Cowley fought in his corner like a good professional; but no one else reached 20. It has to be an indictment of the modern game that this was only Cowley's third championship match of the season: if he were a seamer rather than an off-spinner, he would have had only to stay fit to have played in them all.

In the hope of avoiding a slow start, Nicholas opened Hampshire's innings with Christopher Smith, leaving Terry to bolster the middle of the order. But Nicholas never got going and in the first over of the innings, Igglesden bowled Smith with a real trimmer.

There was a brief sortie from Robin Smith before he was caught down the leg side, hooking; but once he was out Kent must have been as worried about the weather as where the next wicket was coming from. Happily, the wind was strong enough to send the clouds scudding by.

Nicholas was caught at the wicket, sparring at a short ball, and Turner was very well picked up in the gully by Penn, diving to his right. Having square cut his first ball for four, Terry was leg-before to his third, playing no stroke.

When Ellison yorked Ayling, he had taken four wickets for 12 runs in 31 balls. It is splendid to see him doing his stuff again. Parks was nicely caught at slip to leave Hampshire 75 for seven half an hour before tea.

What resistance remained was marshalled by Cowley, who added 36 with Tremlett and then 30 for the last wicket with Bakker. Still playing the bowling with time and effort to spare, Cowley was still there at the finish.

KENT: First Innings 240 (S A Marsh 50; J R Ayling 4 for 62).

Second Innings

M R Benson c Maru b Tremlett	33
N R Taylor b Tremlett	15
R F Pienaar c R A Smith b Ayling	6
C J Tavaré c Tremlett b Bakker	42
*C S Cowdrey not out	37
G R Cowdrey not out	0
Extras (lb 5)	5
Total (4 wkts dec)	140

†S A Marsh, R M Ellison, C Penn, A P Igglesden and M D Harman did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-58, 3-64, 4-138.

BOWLING: Bakker 10.5-0-64-1; Tremlett 11-2-32-2; Ayling 8-1-30-1; Maru 2-0-9-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 139 (A P Igglesden 5 for 40).

Second Innings

*M J C Nicholas c Marsh b Ellison	15
C L Smith b Igglesden	0
R A Smith c Marsh b Igglesden	16
D R Turner c Penn b Ellison	14
J R Ayling b Ellison	11
V P Terry lbw b Ellison	4
†R J Parks c C S Cowdrey b Igglesden	3
N G Cowley not out	43
T M Tremlett c Marsh b C S Cowdrey	7
R J Maru b Igglesden	5
P J Bakker c G R Cowdrey b Igglesden	16
Extras (b 9, lb 3, w 4)	16
Total	150

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-17, 3-44, 4-54, 5-58, 6-71, 7-75, 8-111, 9-120.

BOWLING: Igglesden 13.2-2-51-5; Penn 8-2-27-0; Ellison 9-0-29-4; Harman 6-2-9-0; C S Cowdrey 7-0-22-1.

Umpires: H D Bird and M J Kitchen.

Champions back on course for run-in

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

LYTHAM: Nottinghamshire (19pts) beat Lancashire (4) by 151 runs

It is only a few short weeks since Nottinghamshire were making headlines for all the wrong reasons. The captain resigned, then retracted. The errant top player was dropped and publicly rebuked. It was an unpleasant mess for the reigning county champion and very few, inside or outside their camp, could have given freedom to any suggestion that they might yet retain their title.

Now, they must be given a chance after winning two difficult away games in a week. Three of their remaining four matches are on their own Trent Bridge territory, where all visitors fear to tread, and any lapses by Kent may well be seized upon by a team suddenly playing with conviction.

They have remained in contention largely through the extraordinary efforts of the season's most devastating double act. Franklyn Stephenson and Kevin Cooper now have 190 first-class wickets between them and look certain to have us all searching the record books for the last occasion when two bowlers from the same county both took 100 in a season.

This latest win, set up by two forfeited innings after the loss of the entire second day and an hour yesterday morning, was the property of Stephenson, who moved on to 99 wickets by destroying the top half of the Lancashire batting.

Stephenson, a laughing assassin with a devilish slower ball to go with his usual fierce list, reduced Lancashire to 55 for five, at which point he had taken all five for just 17 runs.

That he failed to complete his personal century was due to the intrusion of his partner. Cooper, still scandalously underrated by all except his opponents, took four of the last five wickets, utilizing all the substantial assistance from a pitch now behaving rather badly.

Only Fairbrother and the forthright Austin resisted for long. They shared a stand of 52 for the sixth wicket, dominated by Austin's uncomplicated power. It always seemed, however, just a matter of time before the unplayable ball split them.

Earlier, Mendis and Atherton had gone within three balls in Stephenson's third over, both victims of excessive bounce. With them went any real chance of Lancashire reaching a target of 273.

It was not the scenario the Lytham club officials had hoped for when they worked so hard to salvage this game from the weather.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 272 and second innings forfeited

LANCASHIRE: First Innings forfeited

Second Innings

G D Mendis c Johnson b Stephenson	3
G Fowler c Scott b Stephenson	17
M A Atherton c Evans b Stephenson	0
N H Fairbrother c Evans b Cooper	31
M Watkinson c Johnson b Stephenson	4
*D P Hughes c Scott b Stephenson	3
I D Austin c Martindale b Hemmings	39
†W K Hegg c Scott b Cooper	2
P J W Allott b Cooper	3
J Simmons c Birch b Cooper	5
I Folley not out	1
Extras (lb 6, nb 7)	13
Total	121

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-8, 3-24, 4-49, 5-55, 6-107, 7-111, 8-111, 9-119.

BOWLING: Stephenson 17-8-25-5; Cooper 19-4-42-4; Hemmings 13-7-31-1; Evans 7-2-17-0.

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and J W Holder.

The final of the National Club Championship, for the Cockspur Cup, will be replayed for only the second time in the 20-year history of the event after rain ruined yesterday's match between Wolverhampton and Enfield at Lord's

Essex in second tight finish

By Ivo Tennant

COLCHESTER: Essex (14pts) drew with Glamorgan (5)

A compelling match finished in confusion at Colchester yesterday, the umpires and scorers finally concurring, after attempting in vain to contact the Test and County Cricket Board, that it had finished in a draw, not a tie. Essex, requiring 273 to win, lost their ninth wicket, the batsman being Pringle, off the last ball of the match.

Effectively Miller, who was injured, could have batted, even though he was not on the ground. Hence the umpires, Dudleston and Harris, decreed that the match was drawn. However, clarification will be sought by Morris, Glamorgan's captain, this morning, when presumably a TCCB official can be contacted. Whatever the outcome, it has been a splendid Colchester week, both matches going to the last ball.

Inevitably it was Gooch who gave Essex an excellent chance of victory. Left with a minimum of 50 overs to score 273, he and Stephenson began at a fine rate. They took 50 off the first 10 overs and 82 before Stephenson was out in the last over before tea. Afterwards, it rained for 25 minutes, which conceivably cost Essex the match, and possibly the championship.

Gooch reached a half century in 64 minutes, controlling his sweeping splendidly on a wearing pitch. He hit 11 fours and other than giving a hard stumping chance was scarcely troubled until he was bowled by a straight ball from Ontong which he was aiming to paddle to fine leg.

Border struck a six and four fours in 23 made in 19 minutes and Lilley played a typically ebullient innings, crashing the ball around without concerning himself overmuch with style. Dropped on 10, he made 45 including three sixes off 34 balls.

Holmes bowled both him and Prichard and had East caught at point, slicing a pull. Morris brought back Ontong at the other end, at which stage Essex were requiring a run a ball. Foster was stumped with three overs remaining and Topley *holed out to mid off*, giving Holmes his fifth wicket and the best figures of his career. Pringle, who made a splendid half century, could not quite manage seven off the last over.

That Glamorgan were in a position to declare was almost entirely owing to a fluent innings by Ontong, who batted for almost three hours and struck 10 fours and a six lofted easily over the sightscreen off Childs. Border, who is preparing to depart for Pakistan, took his first first-class wicket of the season.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 192 (D R Pringle 6 for 51).

Second Innings

A R Butcher run out	66
A Cottey c East b Childs	47
*H Morris c East b Gooch	31
M P Maynard st East b Childs	0
G C Holmes c Pringle b Childs	8
R C Ontong not out	83
J G Thomas c East b Border	19
†C P Metson c Stephenson b Topley	7
J Derrick not out	16
Extras (b 5, lb 5, nb 4)	14
Total (7 wkts dec)	291

P D North and S L Watkin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-79, 2-154, 3-154, 4-154, 5-172, 6-217, 7-253.

BOWLING: Foster 16-4-56-0; Pringle 16-6-30-0; Topley 18-2-63-1; Childs 40-17-91-3; Gooch 8-2-21-1; Border 5-0-20-1.

ESSEX: First Innings 211 (G A Gooch 65; S L Watkin 4 for 56).

Second Innings

*G A Gooch b Ontong	72
J P Stephenson c Morris b Ontong	31
A R Border c Metson b Watkin	23
A W Lilley b Holmes	45
D R Pringle run out	54
P J Prichard b Holmes	13
†D E East c Butcher b Holmes	5
N A Foster st Metson b Holmes	5
T D Topley c Maynard b Holmes	1
J H Childs not out	4
G Miller absent ill	0
Extras (b 5, lb 11, nb 2)	19
Total	272

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-115, 3-147, 4-205, 5-225, 6-237, 7-248, 8-250, 9-272.

BOWLING: Thomas 7-0-48-0; Watkin 12-0-55-1; North 4-0-20-0; Ontong 13-0-71-2; Derrick 5-0-23-0; Holmes 7-0-38-5.

Umpires: B Dudleston and J H Harris.

Hick's quick hits frustrated by rain

By Richard Streeton

THE OVAL: Surrey (6pts) drew with Worcestershire (6)

Graeme Hick scored the fastest hundred of the season yesterday before a heavy rainstorm ended the match. Hick's eighth centuryof the summer came from only 79 balls and partly atoned for Worcestershire's dilatory first-day batting and enabled them to set Surrey a target of 253 in a minimum of 51 overs.

This was far from an impossible task, but it was a declaration Neale had to make if Worcestershire were to have any chance of dismissing Surrey and retain their slim lead at the top of the table. But then Newport only had time to bowl one over before the heavens opened.

Hick, who when on 47 reached 3,000 runs in all competitions this summer, surpassed the season's previous fastest hundred, made in 82 balls on July 30 by DeFreitas for Leicestershire against Nottinghamshire. When Hick was finally caught at deep mid-wicket for 127 from 88 balls, he had hit five sixes, 12 fours and batted for 98 minutes, most of his runs coming from straight drives and hits between mid-on and square-leg.

It was in the interests of both teams for Worcestershire to reach a position where they could declare. Surrey did use their main bowlers and the only concession made was that the fieldsmen were not spread wide until after lunch.

Worcestershire lost three wickets as they scored 143 during the morning. Curtis edged a catch to slip and Lord provided the main momentum before Hick arrived. Lord was caught at mid-on and O'Shaughnessy run out before Hick became dominant.

Hick was 53 at lunch and afterwards added 74 in 40 minutes. Neale contributed 35 as 127 came in 20 overs for the fourth wicket. Hick went on to complete his second 50 in 38 balls before cutting loose with a closing flurry of thrilling strokes.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 303 (T S Curtis 86).

Second Innings

T S Curtis c Greig b Feltham	17
G J Lord c Bicknell b Feltham	43
G A Hick c Ward b Robinson	127
S J O'Shaughnessy run out	2
*P A Neale b Bullen	35
M J Weston not out	14
S J Rhodes not out	2
Extras (lb 8, nb 3)	11
Total (5 wkts dec)	251

P J Newport, R K Illingworth, R M Ellcock and A P Pridgeon did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-65, 3-71, 4-198, 5-238.

BOWLING: Bicknell 7-0-40-0; Feltham 11-4-28-2; Medlycott 15-1-91-0; Greig 3-0-14-0; Bullen 8-0-44-1; Robinson 4-0-25-1.

SURREY: First Innings 302 for 7 wkts dec (C J Richards 87, K T Medlycott 77, A J Stewart 77).

Second Innings

D J Bicknell not out	5
J D Robinson not out	0
Total (no wkt)	5

A J Stewart, M A Lynch, D M Ward, †C J Richards, K T Medlycott, †I A Greig, M A Feltham, C K Bullen and M P Bicknell did not bat.

BOWLING: Newport 1-0-5-0.

Umpires: J D Bond and D G L Evans.

Another century for Waugh

By Geoffrey Wheeler

Although 1988 seems certain to be remembered as the summer of Graeme Hick, the efforts of Steve Waugh, for Somerset, have also been remarkable. In his last innings for the county, before returning home to prepare for the winter Test matches, the Australian made 112 not out in 108 minutes against Middlesex at Uxbridge.

Although not one of his best efforts, for Middlesex were feeding runs for a declaration during the latter part of it, Waugh's hundred was his sixth in 22 championship innings, a superb striking rate.

Waugh's innings did not bring victory, for Middlesex, set 253, lost five wickets for 46 after an early stoppage for rain, leaving Gatting and young Ramprakash to play out for the draw, although Gatting fell to Trump for the second time in the game in the penultimate over.

Another century which brought no reward was that of Barnett, the Derbyshire captain. He settled all doubts about his recovery from a hand injury in time for his Test debut, as he played some glorious strokes against the Yorkshire attack at Chesterfield. His fourth hundred of the season, from 104 balls, put Derbyshire in with a chance of getting 244 in 50 overs but when he was bowled by Fleicher the asking rate proved beyond the later batsmen and the game was given up as a draw.

Russell, England's new wicketkeeper, celebrated his selection by patrolling the boundaries as Gloucestershire's match with the Sri Lankans meandered to a draw between the showers at Bristol. Russell handed the gloves to his deputy, Alleyne, as the touring side scored 112 without loss in their second innings. Gloucestershire declared 39 behind, after Wright had made 137.

Sussex's first win since April just about wrote an end to Warwickshire's championship hopes. Left 257 to win at Hove, injury-stricken Warwickshire were bowled out for 96, the uncapped Bunting returning his best figures of five for 44

OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Derbys v Yorkshire

CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire (4pts) draw with Yorkshire (5)

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 301 (A A Metcalfe 115, A Sidebottom 51 not out; D E Malcolm 4 for 78).

Second Innings

A A Metcalfe not out	9
D Byas not out	16
Total (no wkt dec)	25

M D Moxon, P E Robinson, K Sharp, †R J Blakey, *P Carrick, A Sidebottom, S J Dennis, C Shaw and S D Fletcher did not bat.

BOWLING: Barnett 2-0-10-0; Bowler 1.5-0-15-0.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 83 for 3 dec (K J Barnett 54; Bowling: Dennis 11-1-27-1; Fletcher 3-0-29-0; Shaw 6-1-18-1; Carrick 2-0-2-0; Sidebottom 2.2-0-7-1).

Second Innings

*K J Barnett b Fletcher	100
P D Bowler b Dennis	26
T J G O'Gorman b Sidebottom	16
J E Morris c Robinson b Fletcher	7
S C Goldsmith c Carrick b Sidebottom	17
B Roberts not out	17
M A Holding c Sharp b Sidebottom	9
A E Warner not out	1
Extras (lb 7, nb 7)	14
Total (6 wkts)	216

†B J M Maher, S J Base and D E Malcolm did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-155, 3-165, 4-173, 5-198, 6-214.

BOWLING: Sidebottom 13.5-3-54-3; Dennis 16-1-61-1; Shaw 6-0-35-0; Fletcher 7-2-15-2; Carrick 6-0-44-0.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and D R Shepherd.

Middx v Somerset

UXBRIDGE: Middlesex (6pts) drew with Somerset (6)

SOMERSET: First Innings 275 (N A Felton 88, S R Waugh 83 not out; P C R Tufnell 4 for 88).

Second Innings

J J E Hardy c Emburey b Carr	28
N A Felton b Cowans	7
J G Wyatt c Cowans b Emburey	19
S R Waugh not out	112
R J Bartlett c Cowans b Emburey	35
†N D Burns not out	13
Extras (b 4, lb 11, w 1, nb 2)	18
Total (4 wkts dec)	232

*V J Marks, G D Rose, H R J Trump, N A Mallender and A N Jones did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-51, 3-73, 4-169.

BOWLING: Cowans 9-3-20-1; Fraser 13-1-37-0; Tufnell 8-2-17-0; Emburey 14-4-30-1; Carr 2-0-4-1; Ramprakash 5-0-46-0; Gatting 1-0-8-0; Slack 1-0-14-0.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 256 for 8 dec (K R Brown 73).

Second Innings

J D Carr run out	20
W N Slack c and b Jones	0
K R Brown c Burns b Mallender	1
M A Roseberry c Burns b Mallender	21
M R Ramprakash not out	43
J E Emburey b Mallender	0
*M W Gatting c Burns b Trump	51
A R C Fraser not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 6, nb 6)	13
Total (6 wkts)	149

†P R Downton, N G Cowans and P C R Tufnell did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-1, 3-37, 4-46, 5-46, 6-145.

BOWLING: Mallender 8-2-43-3; Jones 7-0-30-1; Marks 12.4-3-41-0; Rose 2-1-4-0; Trump 5-1-24-1.

Umpires: K J Lyons and R Palmer.

OFFICIAL CORRECTION: Middlesex v Somerset. Middlesex first innings: M R Ramprakash 45, G D Rose 11-2-44-0, Middlesex 255 for 8 dec, fall of wickets 7-231, 8-235, not as previously published.

Sussex v Warwicks

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P W G Parker c Ratcliffe b Gifford	61
A P Wells not out	74
I J Gould not out	66
Extras (b 2, lb 9, w 2)	13
Total (3 wkts dec)	259

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A C Storie c Gould b Bunting	15
Asif Din c Babington b Bunting	8
*T A Lloyd c and b Bunting	1
D A Thorne c Parker b Bunting	5
S D Myles c Moores b Pigott	13
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G C Small lbw b Babington	0
A T Merrick c Pigott b Bunting	16
T A Munton c Gould b Pigott	4
N Gifford not out	0
Extras (b 6, lb 3, w 1, nb 1)	11
Total	96

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BOWLING: Sidebottom 13.5-3-54-3; Dennis 16-1-61-1; Shaw 6-0-35-0; Fletcher 7-2-15-2; Carrick 6-0-44-0.

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Gloucs v Sri Lankans

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire drew with the Sri Lankans

SRI LANKANS: First Innings 285 for 6 dec (J R Ratnayeke 60, M A R Samarasekera 53, H P Tillekeratne 50).

Second Innings

P A de Silva not out	65
R S Mahanama not out	46
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (no wkt)	112

†D S B P Kuruppu, M A R Samarasekera, *A Ranatunga, L R D Mendis, H P Tillekeratne, J R Ratnayeke, C Ramanayake, B Rajadurai and S D Anurasiri did not bat.

BOWLING: Greene 5-1-12-0; Jarvis 5-2-7-0; Pooley 5-0-18-0; Ibadulla 8-0-49-0; Graveney 4-0-13-0; Russell 1-1-12-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A J Wright b Ratnayeke	137
†P Butcher lbw b Ratnayeke	0
P W Romaines c Anurasiri b Ratnayeke	40
M W Alleyne not out	32
K B K Ibadulla not out	2
Extras (lb 6, nb 7)	13
Total (3 wkts dec)	246

†R C Russell, M W Pooley, V S Greene, *D A Graveney, M J C Ball and K B S Jarvis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-184, 3-230.

BOWLING: Ratnayeke 23.5-58-2; Ramanyake 19-3-76-1; Rajadurai 9-2-37-0; Anurasiri 12-3-39-0; Ranatunga 6-1-30-0.

Umpires: M J Harris and P B Wight.

Italy provides a glamorous addition to a glamorous sport



Dedicated: Giovanna Amati talks of motor racing with the enthusiasm and passion so customary in Latins

Brands debutante so desperate to make impression

By Clive White

Glamour has always been a part of motor racing, but rarely has it got behind the wheel in such a seriously committed manner as it has with one Giovanna Amati, an Italian beauty who happens to drive cars faster than most men and certainly any woman in the world today.

For her, racing is not a gimmick as it has been for some of her predecessors, more a passion. Ever since she was eight years old and went to bed beneath a giant poster of Emerson Fittipaldi, racing has been all that she has ever wanted to do. But desire and ability alone is not enough to succeed in the highly commercial and masculine world of motor racing.

"It's hard to survive in the sport for a woman. It's not the driving that is so difficult but all that goes with it; the struggle to promote yourself and find cars and sponsors and to keep them" she said. Nevertheless, she still prefers the company of men — women gossip too much and you cannot always trust them as you can a man," she said.

"Despite being among the top dozen Formula 3,000 drivers in the world, she may not be able to sustain that position much longer without a major sponsor. Qualification today in her Colt Racing Lola for the seventh round of the European championship tomorrow is vital. It will not be easy. It will be her visit to Brands Hatch.

Her ambition is to gain a Formula One drive for a British team. "They treat women more equally here than they do in Italy. It's very hard for a woman to make a career in my country. Men resent it if your better than they are," she said.

Her admiration for Nigel Mansell should endear her to British supporters and, perhaps, sponsors. "He's worked very hard and should have won the championship last year. I'm glad that he will be racing for Ferrari next year."

Donnelly's big chance

Martin Donnelly, of Ulster, faces the sternest test of his career at Brands Hatch tomorrow when he takes part in his first Formula 3,000 race (David Tremayne writes). He left the Cellnet Formula Three team recently to take up the place in the Q8 Team Ford Reynard vacated by the Swede, Thomas Danielsson.

Together with Johnny Herbert, Russell Spence, Andy Wallace, Mark Blundell and Gary Evans, Donnelly is fully aware of what success at either venue might bring.

During their careers all have raced against Julian Bailey, who used his victory at Brands Hatch last year as the springboard to a regular drive with the Tyrrell grand prix team this season.

At Oulton Park in Cheshire today, meanwhile, Peter Kox, of The Netherlands, returns to *Formula Three* as Donnelly's replacement in the Cellnet team, joining Damon Hill in an attempt to stem the success of J J Lehto. The Finn, however, is poised to win the Lucas British championship now that his closest challenger has left the series.

TENNIS

Hunter masters champion

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Jeffrey Hunter, from Weybridge, took two hours and 17 minutes to beat the holder and top seed, Mark Petchey (Loughton), 6-2, 6-7, 8-6 in a semi-final of the Prudential junior grass-court championships, for players aged 18 or under, at Eastbourne yesterday.

Hunter, two-fisted on the backhand, has been coached by Shirley Brasher and Buster Mottram in turn. In the second set he led 5-3 and had three *match points, but in the third,* Petchey served for the match at 5-4. Each player responded well to adversity but neither could exert any lasting authority.

The match began three-and-a-half hours late, after rain, and was played in a stiff, cool breeze. Devonshire Park's renowned centre court oaks were tossing about and making noises like an angry incoming tide. In short, conditions were difficult. The ball was not always where it was supposed to be.

The wind was less fickle on an outside court, where the left-handed David Ireland (Leicester), unseeded, won 6-2, 7-5 against James Lenton (Bedford), who is almost two years his senior. In the second set, Lenton usually had the edge and at 5-4 he had two set points.

The frustrating aspect for those concerned with Davis Cup prospects is that Hunter, who should add this grass-court title to the junior championship he won on shale in April, is going to Oxford University in October and, for the next four years, is unlikely to further his tennis studies. To counter that, Petchey may be a sounder investment anyway.

The women's final will be between Samantha Smith, aged 16, from Buckhurst Hill, and Alex Niepel (Liverpool). Smith won 6-3, 6-1 against the unseeded Karen Fisher. Niepel had a 2-6, 6-4, 6-0 win over the top seed, Alison Hill, who is presumably the best player — and, on present evidence, possibly the largest — to emerge from Cullompton, Devon. That is not meant unkindly. Hill would carry more weight if she carried less.

British juniors, of both sexes, do not inspire confidence in their ability to make much of an international impact. One wonders how much progress the domestic game has made since tennis was introduced to Devonshire Park in 1870 — at a time when postcards, typewriters and all-metal bicycles were hot news, and Wimbledon was not even cold news.

BOWLS

Additional reward for success

By David Rhys Jones

John Ellis, of the St Fagans club in Cardiff, won the American Express Welsh singles title at BSC, Ebbw Vale, yesterday, when he beat Stephen Evans, of Guest Memorial, Merthyr, 21-12 in the final, after seeing off *the challenge of Beaufort's Neil* Carter, 21-6, in the semi-final.

Ellis's achievement gained quick reward: it was announced that he will represent Wales in the singles in the British Isles Championships at Worthing in July next year. Ellis, who is 54, *last played for Wales in 1984.*

Evans, who celebrated his twentieth birthday on Wednesday, had eliminated the favourite, David Wilkins from Pontrhydyfen, in the semi-final, recovering from 2-8 at seven ends to win 20-15.

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Bray strikes rich seam of nuggets to take title

By Gordon Allan

Richard Bray, a coal merchant from Stenalees, won the Woolwich EBA singles championship at Worthing yesterday. In the final he beat Ian Middlemast, a research officer at Bath University, 21-12.

Bray is only the second Cornishman to win the title in 83 years: the first was David Cutler nine years ago. With his *rapid, shovelling delivery, he is* not the most stylish of bowlers, but he nestles his woods close to the jack with regularity.

Uninhibited by the occasion, and judging the gusting cross-wind well, he established a 17-5 advantage. Middlemast moved the mat around, and achieved a modicum of success. But a touch on the jack on the 21st end brought Bray two shots and the championship.

Bray beat Adam Tidby 21-19 in their semi-final. Tidby plays at Poole Park (the club that produced Percy Baker who won this title four times) and works as greenkeeper at the Wessex club, Broadstone. Bray led 17-10 after 21 ends: it took him nine more ends to win, which says much for Tidby's resilience.

There was a recovery in the other semi-final too — a successful one this time. Steve Lane led Middlemast 12-5 and lost 21-18. So a final between two players from Cornwall did not materialize. The last time it was *between players from the same* county was 1978 when Charlie Burch (Somerset) beat David Bryant.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: I Middlemast (Bath) bt S Laybourne (Workington), 21-14; S Lane (Kensey Vale, Cornwall) bt E Hanger (Chandos Park, Bucks), 21-12; R Bray (Stenalees, Cornwall) bt D Lord (South Oxford), 21-12; A Tidby (Poole *Park, Dorset) bt S Wade (Kingsthorpe,* Northants), 21-10. Semi-finals: Middlemast bt Lane, 21-18; Bray bt Tidby, 21-19. Final: Bray bt Middlemast, 21-12.

Faith in Fabi

Washington (AFP) — Teo Fabi, the Italian driver, will race for Porsche for another year despite poor showings this year.

ATHLETICS

Marathon wait for selectors

By Michael Coleman

Controlled panic is the phrase for it. Priscilla Welch and Veronique Marot have withdrawn from the British team for the Olympic marathon and Paula Fudge, who has been offered Welch's vest, is thinking about it. It will be a trying weekend for the selectors.

There are only nine days left to make any late selections. The seven selectors meet tomorrow week and any names they decide on, and, of course, who are willing to go, will then be passed on to the British Olympic Association's courier, who leaves for Seoul on September 2.

No move is being made yet to fill the gap left by Marot. "We are waiting until we get her withdrawal in writing," Mike Farrell, who describes himself as "the acting secretary for the caretaker organization running the sport until the formation of the British Athletics Federation," said.

It was Farrell, a former international 800 metres runner, who approached Fudge after being told on the telephone by David Welch from Boulder, Colorado, that Welch's wife was suffering from a stress fracture to her left foot. She had not trained for nearly four weeks.

Fudge, however, was not overjoyed. At 36, she has been in the sport since the age of 12 earning most of the honours, although Olympic colours would not come amiss. She was annoyed, however, that Marot *had been offered selection the* previous weekend after Ann Ford, her twin, had withdrawn because of a back injury.

"Why was Marot offered the place and not me?" Fudge asked. "After all, I beat her in the recent Great North Run [a half marathon, Fudge 71min 36sec, Marot 72min 33sec] and this is not the first time I've been cold-shouldered by the selectors."

Going to Seoul would mean leaving her four-year-old daughter, Rachel, at home just when she was starting nursery school. "My husband, Robert, is pleased I've been selected, but to be away for 10 days or so in Seoul will mean rearranging my family life. My parents won't be back from holiday until Sunday and we shall get together then to talk about it."

Club-man Coe threatens speedy outing

Sebastian Coe should help to swell the attendance at the GRE *Gold Cup final at the New River* Sports Centre, Wood Green, today. He is down to run for Haringey in the 800 metres and, his virus and altitude problems apart, ought to come up with something special (Michael Coleman writes).

If Coe wants to see Seoul as an athlete and not from a distance as a mere television consultant — and that, of course, would depend on a place becoming available — then Wood Green could be his last chance to impress. His race is at 2.40 p.m.

Apart from Coe, the cream of domestic athletics will be present, eight men's clubs fighting out the Gold Cup and eight women's the Jubilee Cup.

John Regis will be in the 4 x 400 metres relay, Dalton Grant the high jump, John Herbert the triple jump and the Surrey-based Allan Wells will make a rare appearance, in the relay, for Edinburgh Southern Harriers, where he will team up with Jamie Henderson, Elliot Bunney and Dave Clark in an attack on the Scottish record of 39.24sec which accompanied the silver medal at the 1978 Commonwealth Games.

EQUESTRIANISM

British falter and finish in third place

Rotterdam — The British team finished third in the Nations Cup show jumping event yesterday, behind Switzerland and *The Netherlands after lying* second after the first round. British honour, however, was upheld in the dressage arena with David Hunt winning the grand prix on Maple Zenith.

In the cup with clear rounds from Nick Skelton's Grand Slam and John Whitaker's Next Hopscotch, with just five faults, were only half a fault behind The Netherlands at the end of the first round. Skelton came off in the second round after Grand Slam refused at the third fence.

Graham Fletcher had 12½ faults on Stylo Wilkie, John Brown just one fence down with Sligo Supreme and Hopscotch landed on the tape at the water. The Swiss, meanwhile, totalled only 12½ faults.

RESULTS: Nations Cup: 1. Switzerland, 12¼ faults; 2. The Netherlands, 21½; 3, Great Britain, 25½; 4, Spain, 25½; 5, United States, 29½; 6, France, 32½; 7, Belgium, 32¾; 8, West Germany, 33.

Grand Trophy positions: 1, France, 32; 2, GB, 25½; 3, Holland, 23½; 4, Switzerland, 23. Dressage Grand Prix: 1, D Hunt, Maple Zenith (GB), 1,304; 2, I Werth, Weingart (WG), 1,293; 3, H Munstermann, Flair (WG), 1,295.

MINOR CRICKET

Batsmen hold the key

Club cricket by Mike Berry

Himley and Goatacre parade their batting strength in the final of the Hydro Village championship at Lord's today. Both will look towards their captains as they attempt to crown their first visit to headquarters with a *cherished victory.*

Himley, from Staffordshire, competing in the event for the first time this year, probably start as favourites. In Shorter they have a captain who has shattered the individual scoring record when clubbing 221 not out against Overton on Dee in an earlier round.

Kevin Iles, grandson of Ewart Iles, the man who founded Goatacre of Wiltshire

FOOTBALL: HEAVY ODDS AGAINST FA CUP HOLDERS OPENING SEASON WITH REPEAT WIN OVER LIVERPOOL AT WEMBLEY

Dalglish gives little hope of charity to weaker Wimbledon

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Without taking an active role, Ian Rush threatens to overshadow the FA Charity Shield this afternoon. As the traditional curtain rises on the season, the attention promises to be centred at least as much on Liverpool's prodigal son waiting in the wings as those performing on Wembley's stage.

Wimbledon have been so substantially weakened since the FA Cup final that the prospect of claiming another victory over the League champions is all but inconceivable. Not for long are they likely to be able to maintain their own and a sparse audience's interest in the destiny of the trophy.

So absurdly heavy favourites three months ago, Liverpool are now justifiably considered 2-1 on to win the shield for the seventh time in the last quarter of a century (they have shared it on four other occasions). Even in Rush's absence, there is little to defend Wimbledon's case.

During the summer they have sold their giant goalkeeper and principal playmaker, Beasant, and the most reliable member of their back four, Thorn. They are also temporarily without their coach, Don Howe. The harmonious bond around Plough Lane has recently been loosened as well by financial disputes within the club.

Jones is additionally unavailable. Wimbledon's decision to suspend indefinitely an indisciplined individual who seems unable to control his unnecessary physical excesses, even in a friendly match, is to be commended. At Wembley they proved that their limited and unsophisticated tactics need not be allied to distasteful brutality to be successful.

During the FA Cup final they spun a tight web in which to trap any number of red spiders and Beasant closed the holes that opened. It is to be hoped that they continue this season to rid themselves of the malicious aggression which has studded their appalling disciplinary record over the last eight years.

Beasant's deputy, Tracey, will be making his debut in a Wimbledon side that includes another youngster, Cawley, at full back. The ebullient and diminutive Wise, one of the representatives seeking higher wages, is selected and so is Fairweather, an unpredictable winger who has recovered from injury.

Liverpool have also lost their captain, Hansen, but there ends the similarity between the two teams. Instead of selling potentially expensive employees, the champions have bought back a forward formerly regarded as the most fearsome in Europe.

The most prolific scorers in the first division last season, Liverpool could be vulnerable in defence while Hansen completes his recuperation. Today and for the next two months, Molby is expected to act as Gillespie's partner in a line-up which will be otherwise unchanged.

The return of Rush clearly endangers the immediate future of Aldridge, whose darkest memories are about to be refreshed. In the same arena on May 14, the club's leading scorer last season was partially responsible for ushering Wimbledon towards the greatest day in their brief history by setting two records.

In missing his only penalty for Liverpool, he became the first player ever to fail from the spot in an FA Cup final.

One of his Republic of Ireland colleagues, Whelan, will lead the side but Kenny Dalglish preferred as usual to hide the rest of his formation. "You cannot rewrite the history books," he said yesterday, "so we are not looking for revenge." He is likely to attain it anyway. Wimbledon should not expect any charity.

● Today's attendance is likely to be the lowest recorded since the Charity Shield was moved to Wembley in 1974. Yesterday, only 45,000 tickets had been bought; gate sales are expected to raise a crowd of 60,000, fewer than the previous low in 1978, when Nottingham Forest beat Ipswich Town.

Wembley teams

LIVERPOOL (from): B Grobbelaar; B Venison, R Whelan, G Gillespie, J Molby, S Nicol, R Houghton, J Aldridge, P Beardsley, J Barnes, S McMahon, G Ablett, A Watson, N Spackman, C Boyd, M Hooper.
WIMBLEDON (from): S Tracey, J Scales, T Phelan, V Ryan, E Young, P Cawley, T Gibson, C Fairweather, J Fashanu, L Sanchez, D Wise. Substitutes: N Sullivan, A Clement, I Hazell, A Cork, R Turner.
Referee: J Martin.

New wave of moves to launch season

Non-League football
By Paul Newman

The GM Vauxhall Conference season opens tomorrow in the middle of the biggest spending spree in the history of non-League football. After a summer of hectic transfer activity, a new wave of moves seems certain if Barnet, the favourites for the Conference championship, complete the sale of two of their players for £100,000 each.

Wimbledon have already agreed terms with Barnet for Robert Codner, a midfield player, and Nicky Bissett, a defender, but face competition. Codner is also wanted by Millwall, who gave him a trial this week, and two other undisclosed clubs, while Bissett is attracting the attention of a second division club. The asking price for both men, £100,000, matches the non-League record set by the transfer of Peter Guthrie from Weymouth to Tottenham Hotspur last season.

Barnet bought Bissett, aged 23, for £20,000 from Dagenham in March, but paid nothing for Codner, also aged 23, when he was released by Leicester City three seasons ago. Although Bissett seems certain to leave, Codner has yet to decide whether to sacrifice his high-flying career as a financial consultant.

"I would only give up my job for first division football," he said. "For one thing, nobody else could afford me and for another I love playing for Barnet. We play attacking football and that's the way I think the game should be played and the way I want to continue playing."

Barnet have already received nearly £50,000 from the sale this summer of Ashford, Alexander and Williams and have discussed selling Abbott to Gillingham for £55,000. Barry Fry, the Barnet manager, had planned to reduce his squad, which was greatly enlarged last season to cope with an injury crisis, but he will quickly re-enter the market if Codner, Bissett or Abbott leave.

"I'm well aware that because of the price our players are fetching I'll be quoted high figures for anyone I want," Fry said. "But we're determined to get into the Football League and to do that we need the best players available."

The biggest spenders of the summer so far have been Maidstone United, who bought Ashford for £30,000 from Barnet and Mark Golley for £16,000 from Sutton United, and Boston United, who have spent £32,500 on new players. Yet even their spending could be dwarfed if Barnet trigger off a new round of transfers.

Although Barnet have found the recent transfer activity unsettling, their closest rivals have all had similar problems. Of the four clubs which last season finished directly behind Barnet — who were runners-up for the second year in succession — Kettering Town, Runcorn and Stafford Rangers have had to find new managers and Telford United have lost their leading goalscorer, Norris, sold to Scarborough for £40,000.

Alan Buckley left Kettering to manage Grimsby Town and took three players, Tilson, Hefferman and Reece, with him. Smith, the leading scorer, has joined Rochdale and Buckley's replacement, Peter Morris, the assistant manager at Leicester City last season, has signed six players from Football League clubs.

Stafford have lost not only Ron Reid, now the team manager at Boston, but also three leading players, Cockerill, who joined Grimsby Town on Thursday for £25,000, Simpson and Derbyshire, Bryan Chambers, the former Worksop Town manager, is Reid's successor and has already made nine signings.

Runcorn, in contrast, have kept their squad together despite the resignations of John King, the manager, and Bill King, the chairman, who has joined two former Altrincham directors, Ernie Fryer and Gerry Berman, on the board at Northwich Victoria. Barry Whitbread, a former Runcorn player, is the club's new manager.

John Mahoney, at Newport County, and Nicky Brigden, at Welling United, are the Conference's other two new managers. Brigden has been assistant for the last six years to Graham Hobbins, who has taken the position of general manager after 22 years in charge of team affairs.

Yet if most of the attention during the summer has been on the clubs making the greatest changes, the interest as the championship race gets under way could soon switch to those hoping that continuity will be the recipe for success.

Enfield, Kidderminster Harriers and Sutton United all have teams which showed considerable promise last season and at 16-1 there can be no better value bet for the title than Macclesfield Town. Peter Wragg's team impressed greatly with their stylish football in their first year in the Conference and the signing, for only £6,000, of Derbyshire, the league's joint leading scorer last season, could prove a master stroke.



Back to business: a first division club might be able to make Codner give up his other job (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

LEADING SUMMER TRANSFERS

Player	Former club	New club	Fee
S Norris	Telford	Scarborough	£40,000
N Ashford	Barnet	Maidstone	£30,000
J Cockerill	Stafford	Grimsby Town	£25,000
M Golley	Sutton United	Maidstone	£16,000
P Shirtliff	Frickley	Boston U	£12,500
K Alexander	Barnet	Grimsby	£11,500
M O'Connor	Hyde United	Northwich Victoria	£10,000
M Hardy	Worksop	Boston U	£10,000
G Simpson	Stafford	Boston U	£7,000
P Shearer	Nuneaton	Cheltenham	£7,000
P Derbyshire	Stafford	Macclesfield	£6,000
I Crawley	Kettering	Telford	£5,000
R Dodds	Windsor and Eton	Aylesbury	£5,000

CHAMPIONSHIP ODDS: 3-1 Barnet; 11-2 Maidstone; 10-1 Telford; 14-1 Boston, Enfield, Kidderminster, Runcorn, Weymouth; 16-1 Macclesfield, Stafford; 20-1 Kettering, Sutton Unned, Yeovil; 33-1 Altrincham, Aylesbury, Fisher, Newport; 40-1 Wycombe; 50-1 Cheltenham, Chorley, Northwich Victoria; 80-1 Welling.

GOLF

Douglas's patience is rewarded by a share in the lead

From Patricia Davies, Gothenburg

Peggy Conley and Kitrina Douglas, two of the most professional of professionals, emerged from a damp and depressing day at Delsjo yesterday sharing the lead after the second round of the Gothenburg Open, Conley after a three-under-par 68, and Douglas with a 72 to follow her course record 65 of the first day.

Comfortably placed, just two shots behind, is Corinne Dibnah, the British Open champion, who said, with typical Australian lack of cant, that her 69 would do until something better came along. The Spanish connection was on 140 in the shape of Xonia Wunsch, a darkly attractive madrileña who shot 66, the best round of the day, and Marie-Laure de Lorenzi de Taya. Born in France but married to a Spaniard and living in Barcelona, she had her second successive 70.

Conley, a native of Seattle, has been a professional since 1976, and is in her fifth year on the European tour because, she claimed, she preferred playing in Paris, France, to Cincinnati, Ohio. Scandinavia also seems to suit her, for she finished in a tie for second place in Denmark last week without quite threatening to add a second title to the Portuguese Open.

After achieving her five-under par two-round total, she was at a loss to explain her good form, self-disparagingly putting her success down to everyone else's failure, adding that at her age, 41, and with bad hands, she was grateful for everything that came her way.

Yesterday, that included four birdies, three of them in the first five holes. Two of those were consecutive twos, at the fourth, where she hit a three-iron to 20 feet and the fifth, where her five-wood finished five feet from the pin.

Douglas, by contrast, made a poor start in the frustrating waiting-and-wiping conditions and had dropped three shots by the time she had squelched her way to the 14th. There, her patience had its reward when she bobbled a 10-foot putt into the hole for a birdie three. She holed a good three-footer to save her par at the next and picked up another birdie three at the 16th to match Conley's total.

LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 137: P Conley (US) 69, 68; K Douglas 65, 72. 139: C Dibnah (Aus), 70, 69. 140: X Wunsch (Sp), 74, 66, M-L de Lorenzi de Taya (Fr), 70, 70. 141: S Strudwick 69, 72, D Dowling 71, 70; J Rumsey 70, 71, A Nicholas 71, 71. 142: D Hutton (Aus), 71, 71; M Wennersten (Swe), 73, 69. 143: L Neumann (Swe), 73, 70; M Gallagher 74, 69; C Panton 73, 70; F Descampe (Bel), 68, 75. 144: R Comstock (US), 71, 73; K Espinasse (Fr), 72, 72; S Gronberg (Swe), 68, 76; B New 71, 73, R Hast 69, 75. 145: J Connachan 74, 71; L Mullard (Aust), 72, 73; M Garner 71, 74; J Furst (US), 71, 74; V Marvin 75, 70; R Lautens (Swe), 74, 71. Other scores: 146: L Davies 76, 70; D Reed 74, 72.

Match-play look to final rounds

By John Hennessy

Darren Prosser, of Dudley, maintaining the form which qualified him for the Open at Lytham, has also maintained his position at the head of the British youths (under-21) amateur championship at Royal Aberdeen.

With a second round of 67 yesterday, three under par, he stands on 135, alongside Christian Cevaer, of France. Cevaer scored 66, the best round of the championship so far.

But the holder, James Cook, of Leamington and County, shows no sign of willingly relinquishing his grip on the title. With a second round of 68, he is handily placed only two shots back. He recalls with relish that he won at Hollinwell last year from five shots behind at the same stage.

Cevaer, the winner of the world junior championship last year on the nearby King's Links, comes from an exotic background — born in New Caledonia, brought up in Tahiti, educated at the Robert Louis Stevenson high school in California, and shortly to enroll at Stanford University. Apart from occasional visits to Cannes, France has seen little of this gifted golfing son.

He and Prosser have played two rounds together and share the tee for two more today. It has all the flavour of match-play, Prosser believes, but Cook may well stir things up unpleasantly for them both.

Cevaer was five under par near the end yesterday, but overshot the 180-yard 17th with a four-iron in an un-Aberdonian flat calm. Prosser dropped only one shot, sadly at the last.

LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES: 135: D Prosser (Dudley), 68, 67; C Cevaer (France), 69, 66. 137: J Cook (Leamington and County), 69, 68; A Sendywell (Astbury), 68, 69. 139: A Tait (Irvine Bogside), 71, 68; L Herne (Sweden), 69, 70. 140: A Coltart (Thornhill), 72, 68; S Henderson (Bon Accord), 68,72. 141: G Evans (Worming), 71, 70. 142: R Sadler (Trevose), 70, 72; C Cassells (Murcar), 72, 70; E McIntosh (Turnhurse), 74, 68; C Davies (Rhuddlan), 70, 72; W Hewlett (Royal Blackheath), 74, 68.

MacDonald holds her nerve in final bunker

By a Special Correspondent

Alison MacDonald, the English under-18 stroke-play champion, staged a remarkable recovery at Pyle and Kenfig, Porthcawl, to reach the semi-finals of the British girls open amateur championship today.

Dormie three against Kirsty Speak, of Clitheroe, MacDonald drew level with a birdie and two pars. At the first extra hole, she splashed out of a bunker to within three feet of the pin and tapped in the putt to win.

The semi-final line-up has an international look: Geraldine Spencer, of France, plays Jennifer Posener, of Sweden, and MacDonald clashes with Eva Vilagut, of Spain.

It was a day when once again the unpredictability of match-play was evident. Six of the first round games were won by players who had qualified with scores higher than their opponents. Helen Dobson, the holder, and Alison Johns, her Lincolnshire colleague, were the most notable early upsets.

"I'm disgusted with myself. I just can't believe I lost," said Dobson, who went down on the final green to Lynn McCool, the Irish champion.

After a tight struggle, Dobson hooked her drive out of bounds at the final hole. "It was a terrible day for me — I was hooking and slicing all over the place," she said.

Johns, who plays off a two handicap, was three down at the turn to Posener and lost 2 and 1.Lisa Walton, who qualified in second place, lost 5 and 3 to Vilagut.

RESULTS: First round: G Spencer (Fr) bt M McKinlay (Blairmore and Strone), 5 and 4; S Cavallari (It) bt N Roughane (Woodbrook), two holes; J Posener (Swe) bt A Johns (Boston), 2 and 1; L McCool (Srabane) bt H Dobson (Seacroft), one hole; K Speak (Clitheroe) bt J Thompson (Wilpshire), 3 and 2; A MacDonald (Anrlover) bt C Hall (Filton), 7 and 5; M Fischer (WG) bt M Preti (It), 4 and 3; E Vesiagut (Sp) bt L Walton (Calcot Park), 5 and 3. Quarter-finals: Spencer bt Cavalleri, 4 and 3; Posener bt McCool, two holes; MacDonald bt Speak, at 19th; Vilagut bt Fisher, at 19th.

Oates charges to victory in final round

By a Special Correspondent

John Oates, from the Dore and Totley Club in Sheffield, emerged from the pack with a final round of 68, five under par, and with a 284 total was an unexpected winner of the Peugeot PGA Assistants' championship at Coventry yesterday.

Oates, aged 21, achieved the most outstanding day of his four-year professional career with a two-stroke victory over Paul Eales, of Royal Lytham, and collected a handsome list of rewards.

In addition to the £3,000 first prize, Oates received a year's use of a Peugeot 205 GTI plus coveted invitations to the world assistants' championship in Massachusetts at the end of next month, and the 1989 PGA championship.

Oates, one behind Paul Lawrie with four holes to play, took the lead for the first time in the championship with birdies at the 15th and 16th. He holed from 30 feet for a two at the 15th and then chipped to seven feet for a four at the next.

Lawrie, aged 19, then contributed to his own downfall, finishing with a bogey and triple bogey. The Scot took three putts at the short 17th and was in trouble after driving into the trees en route to his seven at the last.

Lawrie eventually finished with a 75 for a share of third place on 288, his one consolation being a biggest-ever pay cheque of £998.

The Welshman, Glyn Davies (Pontypool), who had started the day with a three-stroke lead, crashed to 292 with a round of 82.

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 284: J Oates (Dore and Totley), 71, 69, 76, 68. 286: P Eales (Royal Lytham), 74, 71, 72, 69. 288: G Collinson (Windyhill), 70, 76, 73, 69; C Plants (Three Rivers), 71, 73, 69, 75; P Lawrie (Banchory), 73, 71, 69, 75.

Royal's honour

The Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe under-18 hockey team, winners of the recent Nationwide Anglia Youth Cup, will represent England in the European tournament for youth champions in The Hague next year. They are the first English team to be invited to the event.

Newport given go-ahead

Newport County have regained possession of Somerton Park and will stage their first home game in the GM Vauxhall Conference on Tuesday against Kettering Town.

The Welsh side was evicted from the ground a fortnight ago because of £23,000 rent arrears, but a Conference spokesman has confirmed that solicitors acting on behalf of Newport have advised them that "the club have been granted relief from forfeiture."

Relegated from the fourth division in May, Newport will turn out for their opening Conference fixture at Stafford Rangers today. The Conference management committee met with Newport's board on Thursday and agreed that the club can start the season, despite the doubts about their ground.

A knee injury forces O'Neill to retire

John O'Neill, the Northern Ireland international, has been told to retire after a Norwich City career lasting 34 minutes. O'Neill damaged knee ligaments after a clash with John Fashanu, of Wimbledon, on his debut last season, following his £100,000 transfer from Queen's Park Rangers.

The defender, aged 30, won 39 caps for Northern Ireland.

● Wimbledon supporters last night backed Sam Hammam's blueprint for running the club — even if the FA Cup winners must lose more leading players.

Hammam, the club chairman, has upset Wimbledon's players by saying the club must continue to operate on a shoestring. Mike Winning, the Supporters Club chairman, said: "The reality is that Wimbledon is a small club with very little money. We are disappointed to see our best players leave, but it would be suicidal to pay them what they are able to earn elsewhere on average gates of 7,000."

● Derby County will probably earn another £100,000 in transfers with Andy Garner, the forward and Mark Wallington, their veteran goalkeeper, discussing moves away from the Baseball Gound.

Garner has attracted an £80,000 bid from Blackpool which has been accepted by Arthur Cox, the Derby manager, and Wallington has been approached by Lincoln City. If he agrees terms, Derby will ask at least £20,000.

● Linfield, denied a record seven successive Irish League championships last season, meet Cliftonville at Windsor Park today in a Lombard and Ulster Cup. They are boosted by a Moroccan and a Senegalese signing and the return of Darrin Coyle from Everton, who is the son of Roy, the manager.

RUGBY UNION

British teams still in statistical reckoning

From Chris Thau, Osseja, France

As the Students World Cup enters the final round of qualifying games tomorrow, all three British teams are in contention — theoretically at least — for a place in the semi-finals.

In pool B Wales need to beat France by at least 14 points at Mimizan to qualify with Argentina, while in pool A Scotland have emerged as the power brokers after Italy's unexpected win over the Soviet Union on Thursday, and the result of their match against the Soviet Union in Osseja is the crucial factor to who qualifies along with New Zealand.

A Soviet win or even a draw would solve the matter immediately. If they win they will move into pole position in the pool and will take on the runners-up in pool B in Dax next Thursday. A draw would see them through as runners-up, and pitch them against the winners of the opposing pool in Perpignan.

But if Scotland win, then the confusing qualifying regulations start to operate. After several hours of detective work it emerged that the so-called "goal average" (the number of points scored divided by the number of points conceded) that comes into play is for the matches between those countries concerned only. Should that fail, the difference between the number of tries scored and conceded becomes the deciding factor. However, the tournament rules also give priority to discipline.

The Italian win against the Soviet Union has sent the managers of both England and Scotland running for their calculators. If England beat Italy and the Scots beat the Soviet Union by any margin from one to nine points, then England go through, but should Scotland win by 10 or more points then they finish second in pool A and will play in the Perpignan semi-final.

An Italian victory over England would paradoxically ease Scotland's task, for even a three-point win over the Soviet Union would then be enough for them to go through.

ENGLAND: A Hobbs; S Hackney, P de Glanville, C Laity, T Underwood; A Buzza, P Jeffrey; V Ubogu, B Gilchrist, A Mullins, S Kelly, T Swan, P Rauh, A Blck, J Green. SCOTLAND: G Dodd; C Glasgow, A Glasgow, E Harris, S Watters; C Simmers, D Millard (capt); S Baird, C Bannerman, G Doran, A Buchanan-Smith, A MacDonald, E Simpson, S Urquhart, A Murray. WALES: D Rees; R Subbiani, T Mitchell, M Hull, G Davies or D Griffiths; A Williams, A Booth; G Connolly, A Peacock, J Manwaring, M Bennett, C Crane, S Roy, D Bryant (capt), S Bryant.

Positions

	Pool A	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
New Zealand		4	3	1	74	35	10
Soviet Union		3	2	1	35	29	7
England		3	1	2	45	52	5
Scotland		3	1	2	35	45	5
Italy		3	1	2	30	60	5
	Pool B						
Argentina		3	2	1	91	29	7
France		2	2	0	84	15	6
Wales		2	1	1	43	38	4
Fiji		3	0	3	17	153	3

TRIATHLON

Krasy looks to new challenge

Krasy Kostov was contemplating a fresh challenge yesterday after setting the world super triathlon record for human endurance in Paris (Jonathan Rendall writes).

At 1 a.m. local time yesterday morning, Kostov arrived at Morency, a Paris suburb, having run from London to Dover, swum the English Channel and cycled from Calais to the French capital. The journey took him 33 hours.

Kostov, a Bulgarian who set the previous record over a much shorter distance in 1987, now plans to compete in next year's Sydney-to-Melbourne race.

DIVING

Kimball dives while on bail

Indianapolis (AFP) — Bruce Kimball, out on bail before a hearing at the end of this month on five charges for the death of two teenagers in a motor accident, none the less competed in the United States Olympic trials.

Kimball, who won the silver medal in platform diving at the 1984 Olympics, competed in the preliminary rounds of the three-metre springboard, scoring 601.14 points to finish in sixth place. Greg Louganis, the double Olympic gold medal-winner, led with 722.88 points.

Kimball had been charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after his car ploughed into a group of teenagers. Seven residents of Brandon, Florida, were at the competition to stage a silent protest.

Oldham signing

Oldham rugby league club has signed Tony Miller, the forward from the Cutsyke club in Castleford.

YACHTING: TWO RACING DISCOVERIES ARE ALREADY MAKING THEIR MARK

McLean gets a championship call-up

By Barry Pickthall

As a group of young sailors from the Midlands prepare to take up the Crewsearch challenge at Hull Marina today, two more finalists from earlier trials are proving just how successful this RYA-organized search for the top offshore racers of the future has become.

After reaching the finals of *The Times*/James Capel Crewsearch as a cockpit trimmer at the regional trial at Brighton last month, Simon McLean, a 6ft 5in tall, 19½st muscle-bound sailor from London, has been selected to crew aboard Juno, Mike Peacock's One Ton Cup contender, at the world championships off San Francisco next month.

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Bill Edgerton, the RYA's offshore coach, was so impressed by McLean's performance, that he had no hesitation in recommending him as mastman aboard the British yacht. He now flies to California at the end of the month to join a high-powered all-British crew skippered by Andrew Hurst that also includes David Bedford, the J24 national champion, and Guy Barron, White Crusader's bowman during the last America's Cup.

Another "find" has been Simon Fairman, from Eastleigh, Hampshire, who won the role of bowman at another Crewsearch trial in the Solent earlier this year.

A student, aged 22, Fairman travels to Torquay this weekend with the aim of winning a place aboard one of the yachts competing for a place in British team for the Half Ton Cup to be contested off Poole next month.

Among the 18 contestants battling it out this weekend at Hull for a place in the crew to represent the Midlands in the Crewsearch finals in October is a garage manager from Rotherham, a journalist, an architect and an aeronautical engineer.

What they all have in common is a serious interest in yachting and, judging from the openings offered to men like McLean and Fairman, the RYA's Crewsearch scheme is already providing that introduction.

FOR THE RECORD

BOWLS

LEAMINGTON: Liverpool Victoria Insurance women's national championships: Pairs: Second round: S Logan and J Cruse (Imperial, Bristol) bt B Ridge and M Osbourne (Sherwood, Notts) 23-17. Third round: N May and V Ireland (West Cornwall) bt W Godfrey and S Pollard (Carlton Conway, Notts), 19-18; M Buckby and S Parker (Kettering) bt A Tucker and D Fletcher (Fleet United), 24-16; M Elliott and M Wellington (Kingsbridge) bt M Smith and B Tricker (Roundwood, Ipswich), 15-14; M Little and J McCluskey (Middlesbrough) bt A Bramwell and J Mawson (Hazlon Hall, Manchester), 27-10; S Francis and M Atkinson (Palmers Green) bt G Winstone and S Rogers (Oxford), 18-12; E Roger and A Erridge (Burnham, Bucks) bt M Keeley and V Butterfield (Hadfield), 25-19; G Dartern and T Tyler (Redditch) bt E Clempson and P Nash (Wendover), 27-15. Fourth round: May and Ireland bt Logan and Croker, 24-12; EBBW VALE: American Express Welsh championships: Singles: Semi-finals: J Ellis (St Fagans) bt N Carter (Beaufort), 21-5; S Evans (Quays Memorial) bt D Wilkins (Pontnewydd), 21-16. Finals: Ellis bt Evans, 21-12. Under-25 singles: Semi-finals: J Greenslade (St Fagans) bt M Prosser (Ely Valley), 21-15, S Evans (Sandersfoot) bt J Wright (Cadoxton), 21-19. Under-25 singles: Semi-finals: S Davies (Parc Howard) bt W Davies (Aberpennwm), 1-16; S Rees (Old Landonians) bt T Magnuss (Rhymney Gwent), 21-2. Final: S Rees (Old Landonians) bt S Davies (Parc Howard), 21-13. Pairs: Quarter-finals: Aberavon bt Machynlleth, 29-8; Porthcawl bt Carmarthen, 25-20; Brynhyfryd, Llanelli bt Lansawel, 20-13; Merthyr West End bt Grange, 24-7; Aberaeron bt Celtic, Vale of Glamorgan, 30-12; Oakdale, Monmouthshire bt Cardiff, 20-17; Abergavenny bt Haverfordwest, 20-15; Abertridwr bt 3M's, Carmarthenshire 17-15. Fours: Quarter-finals: Brecon bt St Gaonels, 25-22; Abergavenny bt Loughor, 19-9; Skelly bt Merthyr West End, 18-14. Semi-finals: Brecon bt Maesteg, 22-12; Abergavenny bt Skelly, 22-18. Triples: Semi-finals: Porthcawl bt Aberavon, 26-8, Brynhyfryd, Llanelli bt Merthyr West End, 17-6.

BADMINTON

HONG KONG: Hong Kong Open: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: Yang Yang (China) bt J P Nierhoff (Den), 17-16, 15-4; A Wirenaus (Indo) bt M Sidek (Mal), 18-14, 15-9; M Frost (Den) bt Sze Yu (Aus), 15-9, 8-15, 15-11; I Supanto (Indo) bt M Sidek (Mal), 15-0, 18-14. Women's singles: Second round: (British). H Troke bt P Nadergaard (Den), 12-10, 11-6; A Van der Knaap (Neth) bt G Gowers, 12-10, 11-3. Quarter-finals: H Aiping (China) bt Troke, 11-5, 11-1; L Jung Mi (S Korea) bt S Kiaohui (China), 11-3, 11-7; S Purnaningsih (Indo) bt Van der Knaap, 11-4, 11-6; Young Suk (S Korea) bt Man Wah (HK), 11-5, 11-6.

EQUESTRIANISM

ROTTERDAM: Grand prix qualifier (Openbaars prize): 1, Moet et Chandon Pushkin (M Fuchs, Switz); 2, Next Tees Hanauer (M Whitaker, GB); 3, Rewon Adam (L Tamopol, US).

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: Los Angeles Dodgers 2, Philadelphia Phillies 1; San Diego Padres 5, Montreal Expos 4. San Francisco Giants 4, New York Mets 1; St Louis Cardinals 2, Houston Astros 1; Cincinnati Reds 9, Chicago Cubs 1. American League: California Angels 7, New York Yankees 1, Baltimore Orioles 10, Oakland Athletics 1; Seattle Mariners 6, Boston Red Sox 1; Cleveland Indians 4, Milwaukee Brewers 3, Detroit Tigers 6, Chicago White Sox 4; Texas Rangers 4, Minnesota Twins 2.

EUROPEAN B CHAMPIONSHIP: Great Britain 27, Switzerland 4.

CYCLING

TOUR OF THE NETHERLANDS: Fourth stage: (Nieuwegen to Ubbergen, 100km): 1, M Hermans (Neth), 2hr 32min 23sec; 2, P Rosola (It), 10sec behind; 3, M Sergeant (Bel); 4, T van Vliet (Neth); 5, J van der Velde (Neth), 6, P Anderson (Aus), all at same.

NOTTINGHAM: Raleigh Banana grand prix: 1, M Walsham (Percy Bilton); 2, P Thomas (Raleigh Banana); 3, N Smith (Royal Chase). Sprint: D Miller (Offstex Imp Sport).

HOUSTON: US trials: Pursuit: Men: Semi-finals: D Brinton, 5:03.74 bt F Andreu, 5:07.37; Semi-finals: S Dennis (Parc Howard) bt W Dawes (Aberpennwm), 1-16; S Rees (Old Landonians) bt T Magnuss (Rhymney Gwent), 21-2. Final: S Rees (Old Landonians) bt S Dawes (Parc Howard), 21-13. Pairs: Quarter-finals: Aberavon bt Machynlleth, 29-8; Porthcawl bt Carmarthen, 25-20; Brynhyfryd, Llanelli bt Lansawel, 20-13; Merthyr West End bt Grange, 24-7; Aberaeron bt Celtic, Vale of Glamorgan, 30-12; Oakdale, Monmouthshire bt Cardiff, 20-17; Abergavenny bt Haverfordwest, 20-15; Abertridwr bt 3M's, Carmarthenshire 17-15. Fours: Quarter-finals: Brecon bt St Gaonels, 25-22; Abergavenny bt Loughor, 19-9; Skelly bt Merthyr West End, 18-14. Semi-finals: Brecon bt Maesteg, 22-12; Abergavenny bt Skelly, 22-18. Triples: Semi-finals: Porthcawl bt Aberavon, 26-8, Brynhyfryd, Llanelli bt Merthyr West End, 17-6.

FOOTBALL

BANGKOK: Thailand international under-21 tournament: Semi-finals: Soviet Union 2, North Korea 1, China 1, Thailand 1.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CHARITY CUP: First round: North Greenford 3, Brookhouse 5.

AVELLINO: Exhibition: Napoli 4, Racing Club (Buenos Aires) 1.

GOLF

ENVILLE: English women's intermediate championship: First round: L Fairclough (Chorley) bt J Kershaw (Northants), 3 and 2; F Macdonald (Frimton) bt J Gillings (Goodwood), 2 holes; J Rhodes (West Bowling) bt R Hepburn (Watson Heath), 4 and 3; T Yarwood (Haydock Park) bt C Bretson (Pomeland), 8 and 5; J Wace (Felixstowe Ferry) bt Z Sael (Ham Manor), 7 and 5, S Morgan (Kenilworth) bt J Brown (Haydock Park), 2 holes; L Fletcher (Ainmouth) bt J Morley (Sale), 1 hole; K Mitchell (Worthing) bt L Hackney (Trentham), 2 and 1. Quarter-finals: Fairclough bt Macdonald, 3 and 1; Yarwood bt Rhodes, 21st; Morgan bt Wade, 3 and 1; Fletcher bt Michell, 2 and 1.

CASTLE ROCK: International stableford: (Eagles, 5pts; birdies, 2, pars, 0; bogeys, -1; double bogeys, -3) (US unless stated): 10: B Crenshaw, M O'Meara, 9: F Couples, S Jones, B Andrade, 7: K Brown (GB), M Calcavecchia, K Perry, D Pooley, R Wrenn, 6: R Cochran, D Pooi, W Wood, 5: D Frost (SA), M Mamin (Sp), R Medlair, J Renner, L Roberts, J Sluman, K Stewart.

SWIMMING

INDIANAPOLIS: US Olympic diving trials: Men: Three metre springboard: Preliminary: 1, G Louganis, 722.88pts; 2, K Ferguson, 678.90; 3, M Bradshaw, 660.84; 4, P Jeffrey, 638.55; 5, R Meyer, 624.60; 6, B Kimball, 601.14. Women: Three metre springboard: Final: 1, K McCormick, 1,107.12; 2, W Lucero, 1,030.98; 3, M Fischbach, 1,030.17; 4, T Baker-Schultz, 988.38; 5, W Williams, 987.69; 6, M Meyer, 976.59.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: National small bore rifle: Arthur Trales Trophy: (Comb aggt): 1, P Scanlan (Romford), 3,862; 2, C Ogle (EU Alumni), 3,862; 3, N Brasher (Havant), 3,859. Codrington Trophy: (Class A aggt): 1, B Struggles (Truro), 2,743; 2, M Clarke (Hollybush), 2,742; 3, J Perry (Truro), 2,738. Lewer Brothers Cup: (Class B aggt): 1, M Payne (Colchester), 2,705; 2, N Mills (Chobham), 2,704; 3, G Webb (Romford), 2,696. Walker Challenge Cup: (Class C aggt): 1, K Bowmont (Plymouth Elect), 2,707; 2, M Gilmore (Wandsworth), 2,702; 3, T Holmes (Wolverhampton), 2,700. Carter Challenge Cup: (Class D aggt): 1, B Talbut (GEC Avionics), 2,682; 2, R Ambrose (Barclaycard), 2,677; 3, A Smith (Easingwold) 2,674. Pinard Memorial Bowl: (Class A 100yds): 1, Perry 594; 2, J Phelps (Wembley) 593. McCloud Challenge Cup: (Class B 100yds): 1, A Cook (Parington), 560; equal 2, N Mills (Chobham) and R Chenman (Gosport Eagles), 579. Jaegar Challenge Bowl: (Class C 100yds): 1, Bowmont (Plymouth Elect), 579; 2, R Sheead (Ham and Petersham), 577; 3, C Perring (Romford), 576. Ventura Cup: (Class D 100yds): 1, S Gunan (East Bristol), 575; 2, Talbut, 575; equal 3, Smith and A Pacey (Cranbrook), 572. Veterans trophy: (50m and 100yds over 60s): 1, C Trotter (Guernsey), 391/196, 2, A Cook (US), 391/195. Regiment Challenge Cup: (Women's aggt): 1, L Waddy (41st London), 2,748.

YACHTING

TENBY: Hyde One-Design trophy: 1, S Carr (Stokes Bay), 2, J Wilkins (Chew Valley); 3, J Ranson (Royal Harwich).

HYTHE: International Moth European championships: Seventh race: Cancelled. Overall standings: (All GBR): 1, R Angell, 6.25pts; 2, T Colver, 10.75; 3, I Fryer, 17.75; 4, J Clendge, 19; 5, C Everest, 20.75; 6, M Cooper, 31.

SIDMOUTH: Mirror Jubilee national championships: Fifth race: 1, P Harper and N Hapgood (Sidmouth); 2, D O'Grady and C Scott (Sutton SC, Ire), 3, I Walker and F Ross (Chipstead). Overall: 1, Walker and Ross (retain title); 2, O'Grady and Scott; 3, Harper and Hapgood.

PLYMOUTH: Albaco national championships: Fifth race: 1, J and S Townsend, (Emsworth SC); 2, R Wane and P Snowden, (Scaling Dam SC); 3, D Sinnock and A Rose, (Herne Bay SC). Sixth race: 1, Townsends; 2, Wane and Snowden; 3, M and R Cockram, (Grimsby SC). Overall: 1, C Davenport and M Lannon (Hallway SC); 2, M and R Cockram; 3, Sinnock and Rose.

GLIDING

HIGH WYCOMBE: Junior national championship: Overall: 1, T Scott (ASW 20), 912pts; 2, M Young (ASW 19), 895; 3, E Downham (Libelle), 843, 4, P Wells (Pegasus), 839; 5, S Housden (Libelle), 750; 6, J Beard (Pilatus B4), 717.

TENNIS

CINCINNATI: ATP Championship (US unless stated): Men's singles: Third round: S Edberg (Swe) bt D Goldie, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; M Wilander (Swe) bt M Laurendeau (Can), 6-4, 6-2.

LIVINGSTON (New Jersey): Mennen Cup (US unless stated): Men's singles: S Youl (Aus) bt H Nunez (Ec), 1-6, 6-3, 6-1; M Flur bt D Postagno, 7-6, 6-1; S Gammalva bt T Svamesson (Swe), 2-6, 6-4,

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Kent are favoured again in title race

By Geoffrey Wheeler

With four games remaining Kent have restored their position as favourites for the Britannic Assurance county championship, which they have not won since 1978. Their win over Hampshire yesterday, their first for a month, has taken them 13 points clear of Worcestershire, whose game with Surrey was washed out.

Essex, following their dramatic draw with Glamorgan, appear to be the only other realistic challengers, although Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, and Warwickshire have mathematical chances.

Yesterday's results give a new significance to the match starting today at New Road between Worcestershire and Essex.

The pressure is also on Worcestershire in the Refuge Assurance League. They may need to win both remaining fixtures to retain the Sunday championship and pip Middlesex.

An additional incentive to finish in the top four is a place in a new competition, the Refuge Assurance Cup, worth £5,000 to the winner. The final will be played at Edgbaston on September 18 and eight clubs still have plenty to play for.

Remaining championship matches

KENT: Today: Gloucestershire (Bristol); Aug 25: Sussex (Maidstone); Sep 9: Middlesex (Lord's); Sep 14: Surrey (Canterbury).
WORCESTERSHIRE: Today: Essex (Worcester; Aug 25: Warwickshire (Worcester); Sep 9: Gloucestershire (Bristol); Sep 14: Glamorgan (Worcester).
ESSEX: Today: Worcestershire (Worcester); Aug 30: Surrey (Oval); Sep 9: Leicestershire (Chelmsford); Sep 14: Northamptonshire (Chelmsford).
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Championship table

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Kent (14)	18	9	4	5	44	57	245
Worcs (9)	18	8	2	8	44	60	232
Essex (12)	18	6	6	6	48	56	208
Warwicks (15)	18	6	6	6	41	60	197
Notts (1)	18	7	6	5	27	60	195
Lancashire (2)	18	6	6	6	34	57	195
Somerset (11)	18	5	4	9	39	52	179
Middlesex (16)	18	6	3	9	36	46	178
Lewis (3)	18	5	2	11	44	53	177
Surrey (4)	17	4	4	9	42	54	160
Northants (7)	18	4	6	8	37	57	158
Glouces (10)	18	4	6	8	43	48	155
Derbyshire (6)	18	4	2	12	42	44	150
Yorkshire (5)	18	3	6	9	36	54	138
Sussex (17)	18	2	9	7	29	57	118
Hampshire (5)	18	2	5	11	29	54	114
Glamorgan (13)	17	0	6	11	32	41	73

@Nottinghamshire total includes 12pts for win in one-innings match. Somerset, Lancashire and Essex totals include 6pts for drawn matches in which scores finished level.

1587 positions in brackets

Gooch stamps his identity on the England selection

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

Graham Gooch looks to have imposed his own outlook and identity on his first Test team as captain. The England party of 12 named yesterday to face Sri Lanka at Lord's next week is packed with top-order batsmen, including no fewer than four specialist openers, and has an attack heavily reliant on seam. There are, however, four uncapped players in a squad likely to meet with general approval.

David Lawrence, born in Gloucester, of Caribbean extract, will open the bowling and there is an imaginative call for the Worcestershire medium-pace bowler, Phil Newport. At long last, the deafening clamour for Jack Russell to keep wicket has been answered. Kim Barnett, deprived by injury of a debut at the Oval, has another chance to prove his pedigree in a batting order which also sees the return of Nottinghamshire's captain Tim Robinson.

The number of players chosen for England this summer has now swelled to a remarkable 30. Six of the 11 who, at the Oval, put up the best fight of a mortifying series against West Indies have been discarded but of the rejects, only Maynard and Bailey can consider themselves unfortunate.

Peter May, the chairman of selectors, has always broadcast his reluctance to fire any player after one game and, although Bailey was an emergency replacement at the Oval, Maynard was an original selection. One hopes that Maynard, whose flair is beyond dispute, has already been marked down for the winter tour.

One further disappointment is the inclusion of only a single spin bowler, John Emburey, when on this ground, and against this opposition, two would surely have been preferable. This decision has permitted the selection of Newport, who may end up as twelfth man but can now at least begin to believe he will win a well-deserved place on the tour.

Newport has been a backroom hero of Worcestershire's rise to prominence and this year, with more than 70 wickets, his bowling has fulfilled the highest expectations. He is a far-from negligible batsman, although he will be disappointed with his summer's work in this area.

Born in High Wycombe, and with a geography degree from Portsmouth Polytechnic, he attributes his progress to spending last winter playing Currie Cup cricket in South Africa.

At 25 years old, Newport further reduces the average age of an England side looking dangerously antique early in the year. Seven of the team which played in the first Test against West Indies were over 30; in the present squad, this applies only to Gooch, Lamb and Emburey.

The youngest man in the party is also the most exciting. Lawrence, known to all as "Syd", has been in the selectors' notebook for three years, but it is only this season, with a seriously shortened run up, that he has attained the control to augment his speed.

Strong of heart and limb, he has not missed a championship match all season and, if Agnew is yet again the unlucky omission, Lawrence merits his chance. He is certainly rapid enough to unsettle the Sri Lankans

Gloucestershire folk have felt, not without reason, a sense of persecution this season as both Lawrence and Russell have been regularly overlooked. Now, these two very likeable and dedicated professionals will make their debuts together.

Quite why Russell has had to wait so long remains one of the year's bigger selection mysteries as the opinion that he is the best wicketkeeper appears to be shared by every player and umpire on the circuit.

Now that the woolly theory of picking an inferior wicketkeeper in the hope that he will make a few runs has been thoroughly exposed, the brilliant but undemonstrative Russell could have the job for years to come.

Emburey should certainly appreciate Russell's class. He is likely to be doing a great deal of bowling if, as planned, England go in with six batsmen and only four frontline bowlers. Robinson and Barnett, who open for their counties, will presumably bat at three and four respectively, with Lamb at five and Smith at six.

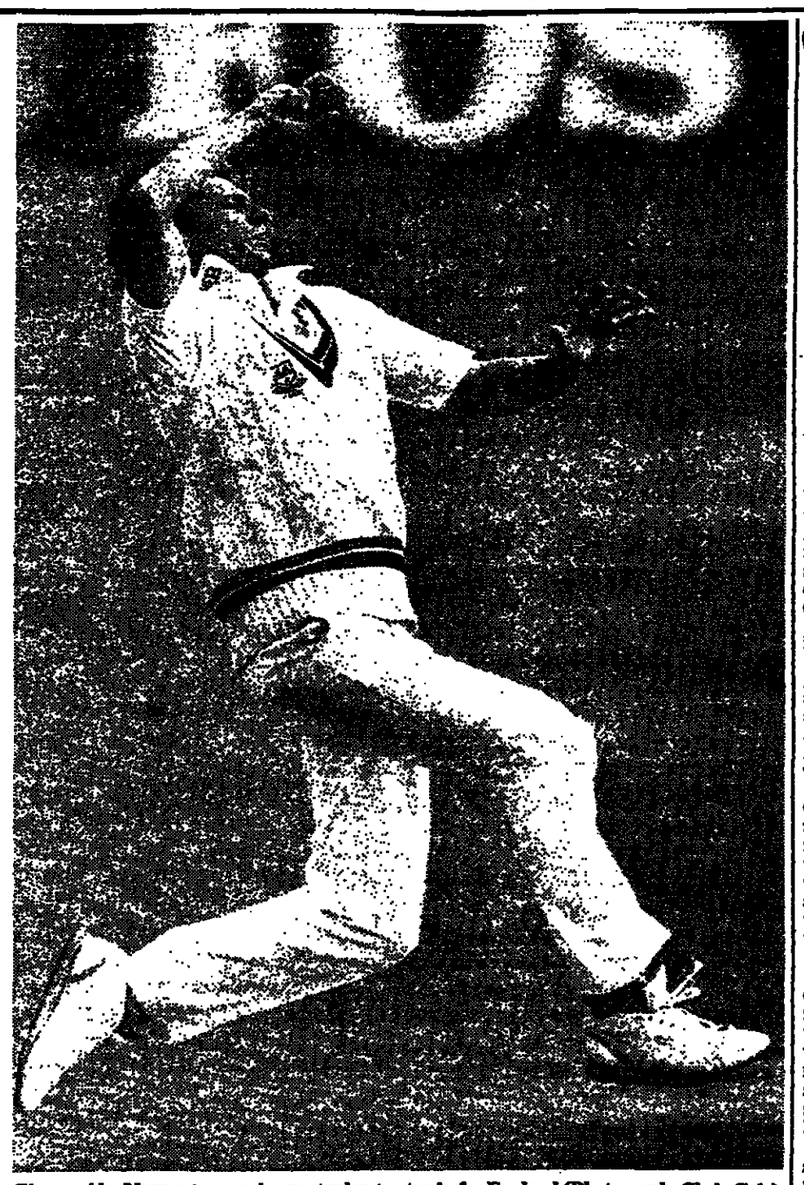
Against a team of no great bowling strength, this may be a shade negative but it is the penance of having no all-rounder of the necessary quality.

Robinson impressed the captain at an opportune time when making 134 at Colchester on Tuesday. It was an innings Gooch would rather not have seen as it cost Essex an important championship match, but he dutifully reported its virtues to the selectors.

Robinson, who has kept his form well amid all his club traumas, was probably glad to be spared a match against West Indies, but he is the type to score heavily against Sri Lanka and India now that he is back in favour.

England party

	Age	Tests
G A Gooch (Essex, capt)	35	67
T S Curtis (Worcestershire)	28	2
R T Robinson (Notts)	28	27
K J Barnett (Derbyshire)	28	0
A J Lamb (Northamptonshire)	34	55
R A Smith (Hampshire)	24	2
J E Emburey (Middlesex)	36	56
D R Pringle (Essex)	29	16
P J Newport (Worcestershire)	25	0
R C Russell (Glouces)	26	0
N A Foster (Essex)	26	24
D V Lawrence (Glouces)	24	0



Giant stride: Newport preparing yesterday to step in for England (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Botham gets the credit

Phil Newport, called up to England's team for next week's Test against Sri Lanka, last night gave Ian Botham most of the credit for his new status.

"Ian has done a lot for me, always encouraging and giving advice," Newport, who is aged 25, said. "He is terrific for team spirit, always trying to perk us up and urge us on.

"I have been very pleased with my form this season, it's going well for me and I've been lucky to bowl at the right times. I spent last winter in South Africa and it did a lot of good for my confidence, fitness and stamina. Consequently it improved my cricket a lot.

"I played Currie Cup for Boland with Kim Barnett and I had a lot of opportunities because I was opening the bowling and batting four or five, and in that situation, you are always in the game.

"Worcestershire can win two or three trophies this season and it helps to play in a successful side."

Lewis wins easily but is faced with a relay loss

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Brussels

Carl Lewis was less worried by his opponents here at the Ivo van Damme Memorial grand prix meeting last night than by the fact that he has been omitted from consideration for a place in the United States' 4 x 100m relay team.

Lewis had a comfortable victory in 10.04sec in the 100 metres, but then revealed that although there is an American relay squad here, he and Joe DeLoach, his Santa Monica track club colleague, "have been told that at the moment we are not being considered for the Olympic sprint relay. The timetable is not against me, but that's the situation at the moment".

The pressure got to Harry "Butch" Reynolds, momentarily, here in the Heysel Stadium. Following his feat in Zurich three nights ago, when he broke Lee Evans's long-standing 400 metres world record with 43.29sec, Reynolds decided half way through the afternoon that he was too tired to take on another one-lap race, and opted instead for a 300 metres.

Walter McCoy, no more than a journeyman one-lapper nowadays, kept up the pressure for 250 metres of the race, leading Reynolds from the lane outside, as Innocent Egbunike had done on Wednesday, before Reynolds turned on his impressive sprint in the last 50 metres, and the result was the same, but the time was not. Reynolds got nowhere near Kirk Baptiste's 31.70sec world best, set in London four years ago. But Reynolds's 32.23sec was a reasonable adjunct to a superlative world record.

Back in the 400 metres, it looked like Derek Redmond was going to go one better than he did when winning the B race in Zurich. The Briton led off the final bend, but Danny Everett caught him in the straight, and won in 44.62sec. Redmond, though, had got under 45 seconds for the second time in three days.

This is the part of the season dedicated to those athletes who have missed Olympic selection and go out bent on embarassing those who have. Danny Harris almost did it in the Zurich 400 metres hurdles on Wednesday, when he deadheated with Kevin Young, one of the United States trio for Seoul.

Harris managed it last night, helping to relegate Young to fourth.However, Andre Phillips, the American No. 2 behind Ed Moses, was in no mood for being embarrassed.

Employing the sort of snappy lead leg technique which indicates a long history of 110 metres hurdling, Phillips left Harris far enough behind to suggest that it could finally be Moses's turn to be embarassed when Seoul comes round.

Phillips won in 47.89sec, with Harris second in 48.53sec. Dave Patrick, another US trials reject beat Young into fourth.

Evelyn Ashford was embarassed in Zurich when Juliet Cuthbert of returned a faster 100 metres time in the B race, with 10.97sec to Ashford's 11.03sec. An eagerly-awaited match between the pair last night failed to materialize when Cuthbert's lane stubbornly remained empty. Ashford won in 11.10sec.

Paula Ivan is carrying all before her. Still a junior, the young Romanian, who is coached by the husband of Olympic 3,000 metres champion Maricica Puica, left another world class field trailing when she added the fourth fastest 1,500 metres in the world this year, 3min 59.17sec, to the first and second she already has.

RESULTS: Men: 100m: 1, C Lewis (US), 10.04sec; 2, D Mitchell (US), 10.22. 300m: 1, B Reynolds (US), 32.23; 2, W McCoy (US), 32.43; 3, C Daniel (US), 33.00. 400m: 1, D Everett (US), 44.61; 2, D Redmond (GB), 45.26; 3, A Valmon (US), 45.58. 400m hurdles: 1, A Phillips (US), 47.89; 2, D Harris (US), 48.53; 3, D Patrick (US), 49.08; 4, K Young (US), 49.16.
Women: 100m: 1, E Ashford (US), 11.10sec; 2, N Coomen (Neth), 11.29; 3, A Bailey (Can), 11.31. 1,500m: 1, P Ivan (Rom), 3min 59.17sec; 2, D Mellate (Rom), 4:00.85; 3, L Williams (Can), 4:05.32; 4, C Cahill (GB), 4:05.55; 5, K Wade (GB), 4:05.98; 9, B Nicholson (GB), 4:09.33

Olazabal keeps out Clark's charge as Langer packs up

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Dublin

José-María Olazábal still leads the Carrolls Irish Open following a second round of 70 on the Portmarnock course here yesterday. Even so, Olazábal, who has an eight under par aggregate of 136, has a difficult weekend ahead.

Not only are Philip Walton, Eamonn Darcy and Manuel Piñero, his Spanish compatriate, all within one stroke, but Howard Clark (66), Ian Woosnam, Nick Faldo and Sandy Lyle are all within four strokes.

If that suggests all attention was at the top of the leader board, it was not. Those who needed to reach for the aspirin included Peter Baker and Bernhard Langer. Baker, competing for the first time since his success in the Benson and Hedges international, will soon recover. Langer, however, is beginning to slip on too many banana skins to feel comfortable about his career. His wretched putter was at fault again as he laboured to a 77 and for the sixth time in seven appearances made a hasty retreat.

Langer could at least draw some confidence from Paul Way, his former Ryder Cup colleague. Way has been searching for some light since finishing joint sixteenth in the Cannes Open in April. He has since failed to survive a halfway cut. Yet the pendulum swung when he chipped in for a birdie at the 14th and holed a putt of 12 feet for another at the 16th. So Way, following a courageous 72, narrowly survived to acknowledge the assistance of Woosnam with whom he was paired.

Woosnam was far from happy with the five-iron tee shot he struck out of bounds at the 15th, although he holed from 35ft to avoid dropping more than one stroke, and the six-iron with which he missed the green at the last

"I putted well which is why I got my score," he said "I was lucky. I'll have to improve my game if I'm to stay up there with the leaders." Even so, he managed time to encourage Way.

LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES: (GB and Ire unless stated): 136: J-M Olazábal (Sp), 68, 70. 137: P Walton, 69, 68: M Piñero (Sp), 69, 68: E Darcy, 69, 68. 138: H Clark, 72, 66; I Woosnam, 68, 70. 139: C Mason, 69, 70; G J Brand, 70, 69; N Faldo, 71, 68; B Shearer, 69, 70. 140: S Lyle, 69, 71; M Clayton (Aus), 71, 69; R Boxall, 71, 69.

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Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	392	4	10	373	4
2	378	4	11	425	4
3	384	4	12	149	3
4	445	4	13	554	5
5	398	4	14	393	4
6	601	5	15	186	3
7	184	3	16	514	5
8	398	4	17	472	4
9	436	4	18	417	4
Out	3,816	36	In	3,493	36

Total yardage: 7,109 Par: 72

Irish retain command

Irishmen remained in command at wet and windy Portmarnock yesterday when Philip Walton and Eamonn Darcy finished one shot off the pace on two-round totals of 137 – seven under par – in the Carrolls Irish open championship (George Ace writes).

Darcy fired an eagle at the downwind sixth, where he pitched in from 50 yards, and Walton dropped his only shot to par at the short 12th, where he hit an eight-iron over the back of the green.

John McHenry, from Cork, was another from the host nation who played immaculate golf for a round of 67. He had five birdies to finish one under on 143.

Eoghan O'Connell, the only one of six amateurs to make the cut, had a one-over 73 for an aggregate of 141.

Auckland date

Honolulu (AP) – The New Zealand Maori Polynesian Sporting Canoe Federation will host the fourth outrigger canoe world championship at Auckland in early 1990.

Decision date for chairmen

The Football League president, Philip Carter, and the Arsenal vice-chairman, David Dein, will face their day of judgement on October 18, when the clubs will vote in London at an extraordinary general meeting of the League on a proposal that the pair should be removed from the League management committee.

Carter, also the Everton chairman, and Dein are under attack from clubs unhappy at their alleged dual interest in the recent television talks.

But with just one first division club needing to change sides for the result to be a tie and the proposal to be defeated, Carter and Dein will be lobbying heavily

Graham Kelly, who yesterday spent his last day as secretary of the Football League attending a meeting with his new employers, the Football Association, rejected a proposal that the two bodies should combine, put forward by the deputy chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi, Alex Fynn.

Kelly said: "The League and FA work well together and there is no need for one body.

Aouita talks of London

Said Aouita, whose participation in both the Olympic 800 and 1,500 metres is looking increasingly likely, may have his penultimate pre-Seoul race in London (Pat Butcher writes).

Aouita, who was due to run an 800 metres in the Brussels meeting last night, intends to compete in the last two grand prix meetings, in Cologne tomorrow, and the final in Berlin on Friday; and then race either at the McVitie's meeting at Crystal Palace tomorrow week, or at Koblenz the same day.

The Moroccan will then go on to Rieti in Italy on Wednesday August 31 for his last competition before the Olympic Games.

Aouita won the 5,000 metres in Los Angeles in 1984, and, as holder of an outstanding world record for that distance would be virtually assured of a successful defence of his title. But he confirmed yesterday that he was going to run the two shorter Olympic distances in Seoul.

Weakened Dutch have edge

By Sydney Friskin

The Netherlands..... 2
Spain..... 1

The Netherlands, the European hockey champions, recovered from an early setback to defeat Spain in the opening match of the Lada International Classic at Luton yesterday, Bovelander scoring both goals from short corners.

It was a far cry from the 7-0 victory which the Dutch had achieved last week in Amsterdam, but they had come to Luton without three of their key players: Diepeveen, the captain, Delissen, the centre half, and Kruize, the centre forward.

These teams are in the same pool for the Olympic Games and the Dutch appear to have a clear edge.

Spain, making good progress with smooth attacks along the flanks, snatched the lead in the thirteenth minute when Gomez came in from the left and set up a chance for Ignacio Escude to score. They came close five minutes later at a short corner, but Leistra, in the Dutch goal, saved well from Ignacio Escude.

The Netherlands, who had taken a long time to settle down, levelled the score in the thirtieth minute when Bovelander converted his first short corner with a superb shot along the ground.

Although the Spaniards continued to run hard, the Dutch created more chances which they allowed to slip away, van den Honert missing the target twice in the last couple of minutes before the interval.

The Netherlands raised their game after the change-over and Bovelander put them ahead with another splendid shot at a short corner in the thirteenth minute of this period.

Spain rallied and Ignacio Escude hit a post and followed by scooping over the top at a short corner. But in the end the Dutch took control and could well have scored a couple more goals.

NETHERLANDS: F Leistra; R Klaasen, H Koopman, M Crucq, M Benninga, P Faber, J Brinkman, F Bovelander, E Partevliet (sub: R Delissen), T van den Honert, G Schlabmann.
SPAIN: M Rovira; Joaquin Malgosa, J Iglesias, X Escude, Juan Malgosa, I Escude (sub: M Ortego), M De Paz, M Garcia, A Gomez (sub: J Paon), J Escude, E Fabregas (sub: J Oliva).
Umpires: G Nash (Eng) and Amerjit Singh Dhak (Ken).

SPORT IN BRIEF

Separate tables

Peking (Reuter) – China has been gripped by a public storm over the omission of the reigning women's world champion, He Zhili, from the Olympic table-tennis squad.

He Zhili claims she has been punished for defying orders to deliberately lose against a team colleague, Chen Jing, in last year's world championships. But the national coaches attribute her exclusion to poor form.

Solid base

The Great Britain baseball team goes into today's final European B match against Czechoslovakia at Fox Hollies Leisure Centre, Birmingham, already guaranteed promotion to the European A division, which will form the qualifying group for the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, after two victories.



Graham: European title shot

Title chance

Rome (AFP) – Herol Graham, the British middleweight champion from Sheffield, has been named official challenger to Christophe Tiozzo of France, for the European middleweight title. Agreement between the two camps must be reached before October 18.

Rifle revenge

Philip Scanlan, of Romford Rifle Club, beat Clifford Ogle, of Northern Ireland, in the combined aggregate at the Bisley small bore shooting championships yesterday. Ogle had previously beaten Scanlan in the preimier aggregate.

Best is back

George Best is to return to Old Trafford. The Irishman, aged 42, will plays for Manchester United for the first time in 13 years when he appears in Kevin Moran's testimonial match against Manchester City tomorrow.

Race rivals

Malcolm Elliott, the winner of Kellogg's Tour of Britain, will resume his rivalry with the former Tour de France winner, Stephen Roche, in the Irish Nissan International Classic from September 28 to October 2.

Spot points

Buenos Aires (Reuter) – The Argentina League will follow the Hungarian system of awarding three points for a win and settling draws with penalty shoot-outs, the winner gaining two points and the loser one

Council plays for time over Moynihan plan

By Steve Acteson

The meeting of the Sports Council scheduled for September 5 has been postponed until October 31 so that councillors may know full details of the plan of the Minister for Sport, Colin Moynihan, to strip its membership by 50 per cent and reshape its structure and function.

A spokeswoman for the Sports Council, which has been reduced to seven members from 30 at the beginning of the summer, said that it was prudent to postpone the meeting because of the uncertainty over the final number of members and because there is no urgent business.

A further seven members' reached the end of their term of office on June 30 and 16 more were asked by Moynihan to resign on July 31.

END COLUMN

Ancient mystic favours Cram

From Gavin Bell
Seoul

Steve Cram may be pleased to know that the eight cosmic signs of divination favour his Olympic aspirations and he is assured of success, providing he avoids sexual encounters.

Such is the prediction of Tojung, the most renowned fortune teller of Korea's Yi Dynasty, whose knowledge of things to come has been acquired by the Korea Telecommunications Authority (KTA).

As part of its Olympic telex information service, the KTA is offering a preview of medal prospects as foreseen by the seventeenth century mystic after consulting the ancient signs: Heaven, Earth, water, fire, mountain, river, rain and wind.

When *The Times* supplied Cram's birth-date and sought the fortune of the mile world record holder for September, the Tojung system decreed: "It will be useless to stay at home and you will be lucky away from home. There is an event to celebrate... you will find profit in the field."

October promises to be equally rewarding (the 1,500 metres final is scheduled for the first of the month) but there is a catch: "You will be running from one to another... do not indulge in a sexual affair and you will be a bit lucky."

Autumn showers apparently augur well for Linford Christie, Britain's European 100 metres champion: "The trees and the grass enjoy the sweet rain and worries will fade out while happiness will fade in. As everything goes well, you will get whatever you want."

F is for fortune, not failure

Captain Mark Phillips would be well advised to choose his companions judiciously in Seoul. Indeed, he may benefit by trading his horse, Cartier, for Lorna Clarke's Fearfiath Mor in the three-day event: "If you associate with one whose name begins with F you will profit. If not, good fortune may turn to bad."

Above all, Captain Phillips must keep a tight rein and maintain concentration: "Don't behave light and carelessly or your planned work cannot be achieved."

An equally precise injunction is served on Fatima Whitbread, Britain's only gold medal winner at the world championships in Rome last year, to aim her javelin at anybody whose surname begins with M: "One whose family name starts with the letter M is ominous and may harm you."

Varying degrees of success are predicted for Malcolm Cooper and his wife, Sarah, in the rifle shooting events. Cooper appears to be on target for gold "as both your heart and health are in peace, you can succeed with ease... as you build up a solid reputation and gain benefits, your fortune shall be endlessly prosperous."

Chips are down but try fish

But perhaps Cooper's spouse ought to aim for silver or bronze: "Everything is progressing very smoothly and you will enjoy many benefits. Do not look for unreasonable fortune or you will lose your fortune."

The Amateur Boxing Association featherweight champion, David Anderson, will score with punches to the head, but he should be wary of turning professional: "You will find a head but no tail in your business. Don't be greedy for foreign money as you will surely be hurt... though you get riches, you cannot keep them in your hands."

Mystical omens portend easy wins for the ABA lightweight champion, Charlie Kane, providing he boxes cautiously: "A thirsty dragon found water and a hungry tiger found food to eat. You are in good luck and you will get what you want without toil... but good luck may turn to bad if you hurry."

South Korea is clearly a fortuitous place to be for the British No. 3 tennis player, Sara Gomer, next month: "Find your good luck in the east and in the south... as you are famous, virtuous people always smile at you."

Poor Elvis Gordon. The European Open judo champion might as well stay at home in Britain and open a fish and chip shop: "During September you will get treasures, but not much... as fish give you profit, you will be lucky if you deal in the fish business."

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